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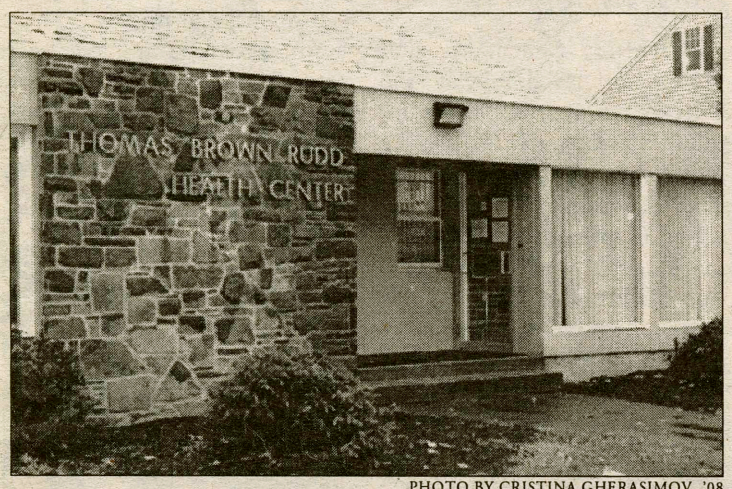

PHOTO BY CRISTINA GHERASIMOV '08

The Thomas Brown Rudd Health Center.

New athletic field damaged by students' premature use

by Katie Childs '08
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

In the spring students will be able to enjoy the perks of a newly created field next to Minor Field. Premature use of the field, however, caused damage to it last weekend.

"Last Saturday or Sunday, a group of kids got out there and had a football game," said Terry Hawkridge, Assistant Director of Physical Plant. "They were out there for a little bit before they realized that their game was damaging the field, and moved the game to Minor Field."

On Monday, October 18 Hawkridge sent an email to the student body explaining that the field would not be ready for use until next spring. "Within a half hour of writing the email to the community, one of the guys who organized the football game came forward," said Hawkridge. "I thanked him for taking responsibility for the damage that was done."

The playing field, which will be an all purpose field for student use and for rugby, was created in the past few months after Hawkridge filed a proposal and a local contractor agreed to work on the project.

"We knew we were short on intramurals fields for kids to play on and rugby's actually been playing on the field between Minor and the windmill. There were rocks stick-

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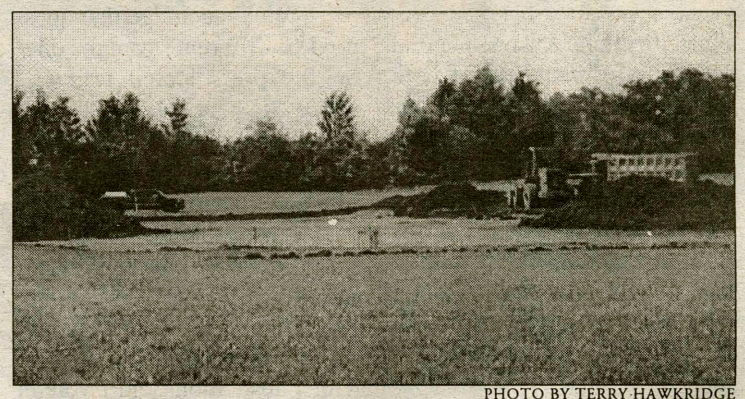

PHOTO BY TERRY HAWKRIDGE

The new athletic field will be ready for use this spring.

Health Center to limit influenza shots

by Jonathan Rees '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Last Tuesday, October 12, Hamilton's Director of Student Health Services received a frantic telephone call from the Oneida County Health Department. The phone call urgently summoned Christine C. Barnes, the director, to an emergency meeting regarding the national flu vaccine crisis. At the meeting, Barnes, along with her contemporaries, received a mandate from Eric W. Faisst, Oneida County's Director of Health.

The mandate was a health order which stated that, "...no influenza [flu] vaccine be administered to any individual in the County of Oneida who does not meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines, that describe the populations which are identified as being at high risk for severe complications from influenza." Hamilton College students may receive the flu vaccine if and only if, they meet any

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Clinton expected to draw large crowd

by Kathleen McGrory '05
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In anticipation of large attendance at former President William J. Clinton's November 9th Great Names Lecture, the College has issued strict entrance and seating procedures for Hamilton students and employees.

According to Event Coordinator and Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli, the College will reserve a section of the Field House for Hamilton students and employees. Members of the College community will be permitted to enter the Field House only through the Emerson Lobby, and will be required to show a current Hamilton ID. Each student ID card will only admit the holder; each employee ID card will admit both the holder and a guest.

In addition, no backpacks, book bags or large items will be allowed into the Field House. Once inside the Field House, students will not be permitted to save seats.

This protocol will enable Hamilton students and employees to bypass the general public line - a line which Magnarelli expects will be quite long. Not only does she predict that the Field House will reach capacity quickly - 4500 seats - she also predicts that the event will draw national media coverage.

"I think President Clinton is an incredibly charismatic speaker," said Magnarelli. "People are drawn to him whether they support his politics or not. It's an incredible opportunity to see a recent President, and I think that has contributed to the popularity of his lecture. I'm not sure we've ever had such an overwhelming response."

Magnarelli also noted that this will be Clinton's first speak-

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HEAG sponsors Green Week activities & events

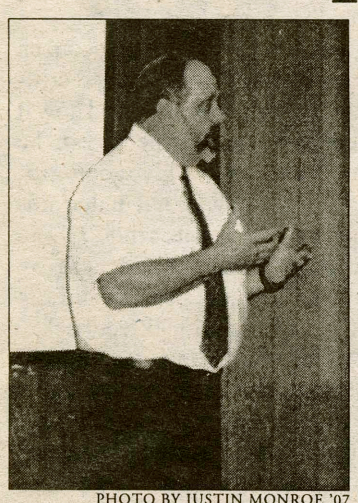

PHOTO BY JUSTIN MONROE '07

David Lupinski encourages students to recycle.

by Katie Stinchfield '07
NEWS WRITER

The Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) is sponsoring Green Week, a five-day event with the goals of food awareness, energy efficiency, and a boycott of paper products.

According to Ellen Horbett '06, one of HEAG'S three presidents, "Green Week allows the greater community to celebrate the natural earth and raise awareness about our local environment."

Key events include: a Campaign for Clean Energy; a lecture by David Lupinski, the Director of Recycling at the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority; *Supersize Me*, a film about the impacts of fast food; and a campout on Minor Field.

HEAG's main focus throughout the week is food awareness. Last night, HEAG showed the film *Supersize Me* in the Red Pit. Alisha Fowler '06, another one of HEAG's presidents, described the movie as "funny and offbeat, although it is not strictly an environmental movie, on the environmental impacts of fast food production." *Supersize Me* was followed by a discussion on "The Environmental Impact of the American Diet."

In addition, students are being urged to boycott paper products in the dining halls. "I believe that students often use paper cups and plates mindlessly," said Horbett.

"Bon Appetite makes it easy to use reusable cups and plates. If we make an effort to decrease consumption of paper products, we'll see a marked change in the amount of non-recyclable garbage that Hamilton produces." Bon Appetit will be highlighting produce from local farmers throughout the week.

On Tuesday, HEAG hosted speaker David Lupkinski, who gave a lecture entitled "Hamilton and the Recycling Community." Mr. Lupinksi helped Hamilton set up a system for recycling used sneakers through the Nike Corporation. Students can drop off their old Nike shoes in the lobby of Athletic Center. The corporation will use the sneakers to produce rubber tracks and courts.

Mr. Lupinski is "very interested in educating students about recycling and encourages us to

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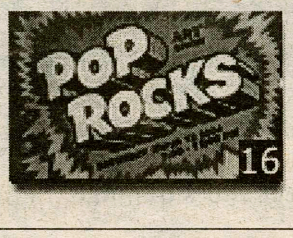

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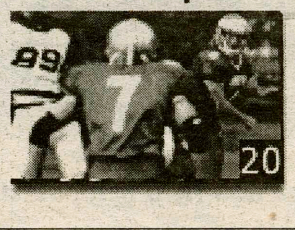

Democrats, Republicans to hold presidential proxy debate

by Emma Furman '07
NEWS EDITOR

With the upcoming heavily anticipated presidential election, students have become increasingly involved in voicing their political opinions and planning activities on campus to encourage voter awareness. Among these events is a debate that will be held in the chapel next week by the Hamilton College Democrats and the Hamilton College Republicans, which will be sponsored by Student Assembly.

According to Paul Bleiberg '06, who has been organizing the event, the debate has been designed to mirror the presidential debates with members of both the Democrats and Republicans answering questions on various issues. This mock presidential debate has been in the works since last spring, when "the two clubs decided to have [one]," said Bleiberg. "[We] decided then that we would do a Democrat/Republican proxy event," he added.

James S. Sherman Associate Professor of Government Philip Klinkner will be moderating the debate and, according to the Hamilton College Democrats President Caroline O'Shea '07, he will be asking different questions, which he wrote, on various major issues. The debate will consist of four members from each club "talking about [these] issues from the points of view of the candidates," said O'Shea.

After the panel members debate the chosen issues, the floor will be opened up to members of the audience who want to pose questions as well. "People are welcome to come and ask questions," commented O'Shea.

"[We] encourage that questions be different [from the ones on the pre-selected issues]," added Bleiberg.

The debate will be sponsored by Student Assembly who voted Monday in favor of giving $176 to fund refreshments for the debate. According to the Student Assembly Minutes for October 18, 2004, "the Assembly approved full funding for the event with 7 abstentions and 1 vote in opposition."

However, some controversy erupted over the debate when Student Assembly decided to approve funding despite the recent concern expressed by some students on campus over the exclusion of independent voices. According to Jonathan Rick '05, there have been "students on campus pushing for independent voices [to be heard] in the debate."

"The past couple weeks have been intense discussions," regarding the inclusion or exclusion of Independents in the debate, added Blierberg.

Although Student Assembly decided to still sponsor the event despite the exclusion of some student voices from the debate, both the Government Department and the Levitt Center decided to rescind funding because of the exclusion of Independents, according to O'Shea, Rick, and the Hamilton College Republicans President Dana Martin '06. Their pulling of funding did not alter the Democrats and Republicans decision to organize the debate solely between their two

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Geoffrey Cohen lectures on stereotypes

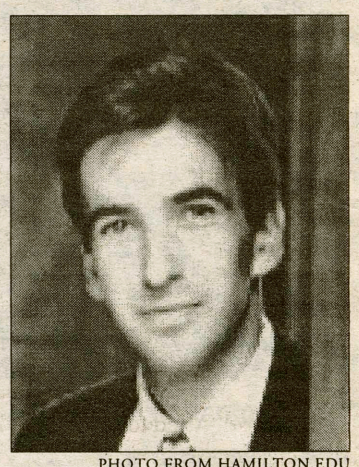
by Emily Lemanczyk '05
FEATURES EDITOR

Geoffrey Cohen, assistant professor of psychology at Yale University, presented a lecture titled "Stereotype Threat and the Academic Achievement of Underrepresented Students" in KJ Auditorium on October 20.

Kirk Pillow introduced Prof. Cohen, and informed an audience of Hamilton students and faculty members that this lecture coincides with the college's initiative to diversify the student body and the faculty, as well as the academic curriculum at Hamilton.

Cohen began his lecture by asking the audience to imagine a hypothetical situation in which it is unknown what people around you are thinking about you; "it may be hard to relax," he explained. This feeling of apprehension is known as "stereotype threat," which Cohen defined as "the fear of confirming a negative stereotype about one's group." This general definition can be applied to all different stereotyped groups, he said.

The premise of Cohen's experiment and research is that stereotype threat can cause anxiety, self-doubt, and mistrust. These feelings can (and have been proven to) undermine performance, especially in high-stakes, high-stress scenarios.



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Professor of Psychology Geoffrey Cohen of Yale University.

Cohen explained many different experiments from the last 10 years regarding stereotype threat and academic performance for different groups in various situations. He looked at minority students and white students on a high-stakes math test, the performance of men and women on the math test, among others.

Although the experiments varied greatly, they all yielded the same result: students who would have felt the apprehension or the stereotype threat, (the minority group on a GRE test and the women completing the math test) scored significantly better when the apprehension or stereotype was removed from the situation.

Cohen described many other situational experiments that yielded the same results, concerning the elderly and memory, white men and basketball, white students and math, poor students and test performance, and minority students receiving critical feedback in school.

Cohen explained in detail an experiment that concerned critical feedback in school and how it relates to stereotype threat; he researched how to give good critical feedback with out undermining motivation in schools. The answer, Cohen found, was by giving students positive buffers when giving critical feedback.

What can an institution do about the problem regarding stereotype threat? Cohen's research suggests that schools need to demand high standards and assure students that they can reach those standards, essentially erasing the threat of confirming a negative stereotype. The University of Michigan has used this approach in their 21st Century Program, and has seen amazing results.

A brief question and answer session followed the lecture, which was sponsored by The Dean of Faculty.

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High risk patients to recieve flu shots

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of the following guidelines: students with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Heart Diseases, Diabetes, or HIV/AID's; students on Autoimmune Suppression, or students who serve as health care workers involved in direct patient care (HCEMS).

"There are places in terrible, dire straits," Barnes exclaimed, "Local nursing homes, in my opinion, are the major crisis which the County faces right now." The shortage is problematic, indeed, for nursing home residents, particularly because historically residents have died even with vaccine. "With so many residents living in close quarters a flu epidemic may strike in full force this year," Barnes said.

Agencies are mandated to sell their vaccine to the Oneida County Health Department and keep only enough for those satisfying the emergency guidelines. Any violation of the mandate will result in, "A civil penalty in the form of $250 per each offense [which] may be levied against any person who knowingly violates an order of the Director of Health for Oneida County," as stated by Article II Section 3(h) of the Oneida County Sanitary Code.

Many students and parents have contacted the Health Center with concerns and requests for the influenza vaccine. "What can I do?" Barnes said, "My hands are tied, there is just no way. If you don't meet the criteria I cannot ethically or legally provide vaccine."

There are several methods that may reduce the risk of catching the flu. These include avoiding close contact with the sick, staying home when sick, covering your mouth and nose while coughing or sneezing, cleaning your hands and avoiding excessive touching of the eyes, mouth and nose.

Additionally, adequate sleep, which may mean (gasp) fewer drinks and earlier nights, will help keep the immune system strong.

Barnes urges that the Hamilton Community should feel good about the current situation, "The flu shot you don't get will go to someone who needs it, like an AIDS or HIV patient." In a sense, students and faculty are performing "indirect" community service.

If anyone has any concerns about their situation, Barnes is happy to speak with them. "Just call up the Health Center and schedule and appointment."

Added Barnes, "that's what I'm here for."

New field to be ready in the spring

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ing up in it, but that's where they are practicing now," said Hawkridge.

"The difficulty that we had was that it rained 11 inches and 21 days in July and the construction got eight weeks behind because you can't bulldoze mud. The original timetable had the field useable by the second week in September, but we didn't make that."

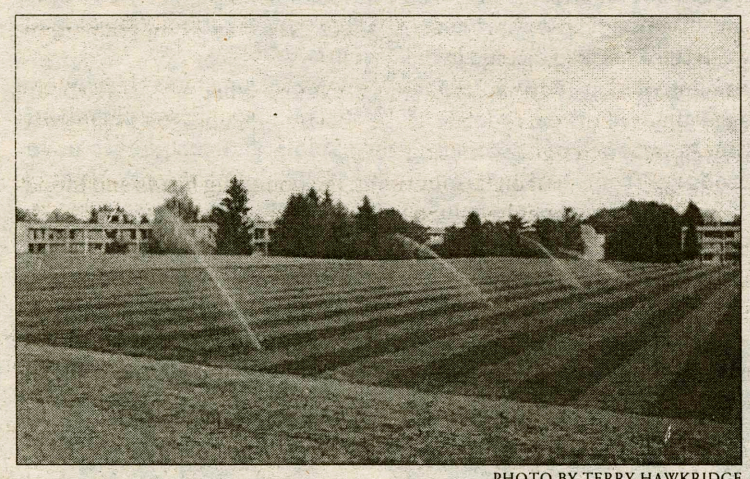

PHOTO BY TERRY HAWKRIDGE

The new field before last weekend's damage.

The field was completed last week, when the sod was placed on the field and the irrigation system was finished. "It looked great, it really did," said Hawkridge. The sod takes 3-4 weeks to grow roots and sustain it.

Signs and barriers indicating that the field was unplayable were not put up. "Not everyone knows that sod can't be played on immediately. That's something I take for granted, but that's not necessarily common knowledge," said Hawkridge.

Despite the damage that was caused to the new field, Hawkridge was happy that a student came forward to take responsibility for his actions: "Some people run and hide from problems and other people stand up and say, 'I'm sorry, I made a mistake'; and that's what he did and I appreciate that. I respect that more than anything else."

The sod has been replaced on the field and new barriers mark off the field. "It took me awhile to fix the damage and get the sod back in place, but no problem, no issue, so now we move forward. Now we have tape around the field and hopefully the student body will stay off it and be able to enjoy it in the spring."

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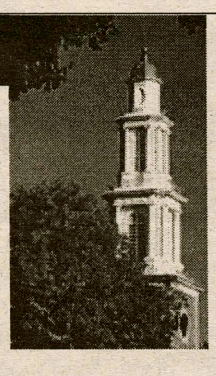
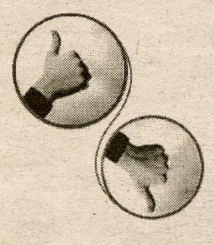


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

Economists Develop New Way to Rank Colleges

(AP) — Critics of college rankings say universities aren't like their sports teams. You cannot settle who is best with head-to-head competition on the playing field.



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But in a new paper, a group of economists and statisticians begs to differ.

They lay out a system that ranks colleges on how they perform in one kind of head-to-head competition they claim says a lot about a school, and can be measured: the battle for students who are admitted to several colleges and have to choose among them.

While the U.S. News & World Report rankings use statistics like admission percentage, SAT scores and student-faculty ratio, critics say that those figures are not necessarily much use to prospective students and that colleges can manipulate them.

In their proposal, the economists sidestep the tricky question of what makes a good college. Instead, they assume top high school students know best, and they simply report their choices.

Of the students admitted to, say, both Brown and Penn, how many choose each place?

It is the same principle as Zagat's restaurant guides: Don't try to grade the food, just reveal whether a lot of people like it or not.

The authors — Caroline Hoxby and Christopher Avery of Harvard, Andrew Metrick of the University of Pennsylvania and Mark Glickman of Boston University — have been working on their model for years. Their most detailed results yet were published recently by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Kerry Wins Prophetic Kids Poll

ORLANDO (AP)--The Nickelodeon cable channel, better known for programs "SpongeBob Squarepants" and "Jimmy Neutron," conducted "Kids Vote," an online survey of almost 400,000 children Tuesday.

The latest Reuters/Zogby poll showed Bush and Kerry in a dead heat two weeks before the Nov. 2 election. Other polls also showed them in a statistical tie or Bush holding a slim lead.

Nickelodeon, a unit of Viacom Inc., has organized its poll every election since 1988, and has a 100 percent record of picking the winner.

"The 'Kids' Vote' seems to work as a good barometer of the actual presidential vote because, developmentally, kids between the ages of two and 11 share the same opinions and outlooks as their parents," said Cyma Zarghami, president of Nickelodeon Television.

The survey was the final step in a yearlong political awareness campaign on Nickelodeon.

Former CIA Chief to Teach at Georgetown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former CIA Director George Tenet has accepted a teaching position at his alma mater, Georgetown University.

Tenet will be in the classroom starting next fall but will take up his position immediately, the university said in a statement.

Tenet graduated from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service in 1976. He will be a professor in diplomacy and a senior research associate at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy.

Tenet, who left the agency after seven years in July, is working on a book and accepting speaking engagements.

In February, Tenet chose Georgetown as the forum for a fierce defense of the intelligence agencies' analyses on Iraq before President George W. Bush ordered the invasion in March 2003. "They never said there was an imminent threat," Tenet said in his speech.

Tenet also made clear his devotion to the school and its basketball team.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

Israel Missile Strike Kills Hamas Leader

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Israeli aircraft fired two missiles at a car traveling in the Gaza Strip late Thursday, killing a senior Hamas commander who topped the government's most-wanted list for years - the latest in a series of Israeli assassinations that have weakened the militant group.

Adnan al-Ghoul, a founder and the No. 2 figure of Hamas' military wing, was killed along with a second unidentified occupant in the car. The airstrike dealt another heavy blow to Hamas' military wing, Izzedine al Qassam, which is responsible for attacks that have killed hundreds of Israelis during four years of fighting.

"It's a new crime committed by the Zionist occupation government against one of the leaders of the Palestinian resistance," Hamas spokesman Musher al-Masri said.

Hamas officials said Al-Ghoul, 46, was a top bomb maker who masterminded the development of homemade Qassam rockets and anti-tank missiles. Palestinian militants frequently launch the rockets into southern Israel, and Israel recently completed a broad offensive into Gaza aimed at stopping the attacks.

Gaza has experienced an upsurge in violence since Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced plans earlier this year to pull out of the volatile area. Both Israel and militants want to claim victory ahead of the withdrawal.

Iran Unlikely to Make Nuclear Concessions

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran is unlikely to accept European incentives aimed at getting it to suspend uranium enrichment, diplomats said Thursday, raising the prospect of a showdown next month between Tehran and the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency.

Envoys from Britain, France and Germany offered civilian nuclear technology and a trade deal to the Iranians in a private meeting at the French mission to international organizations in Vienna. But Western diplomats said they doubt Iran will back down easily.

Iran did not immediately respond to the incentives, which included the promise of lucrative trade, a light-water nuclear research reactor and the chance to buy nuclear fuel from the West.

An Iranian diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Thursday's meeting did not involve detailed negotiations, merely the formal presentation of the European offer.

Islamic Group Alleges Abuse of French Law

PARIS (AP) — A powerful Islamic organization alleged Thursday that officials were abusing a new law banning religious symbols from schools by expelling Muslim girls who were wearing printed bandannas - not Islamic head scarves.

The head of the Union of Islamic Organizations of France urged girls expelled for wearing bandannas to take their cases to court. Seven girls have been expelled from school this week for breaking the ban, including two on Thursday.

UOIF president Lhaj Thami Breze, denouncing some schools' interpretation of the law, also said his group would no longer be "blackmailed" into silence by concern over the two French hostages held in Iraq.

The kidnappers have demanded that France abolish the law, forcing French Muslim leaders into a low profile so as not to endanger the hostages' lives. But that wall of silence began cracking amid a rash of expulsions of Muslim girls from public schools this week - at least three for wearing bandannas.

"We refuse blackmail against France from overseas," Breze said, referring to the demand by the Islamic Army of Iraq, which claims to hold the hostages, to abolish the law.

"They tell us to be quiet because of the hostages. ... But we also refuse blackmail against the Muslim community. They are depriving us of our rights."

The law, which came into effect with the start of school in September, bans conspicuous religious symbols in school - including Jewish skull caps, large Christian crosses and the turbans worn by some Sikh boys.

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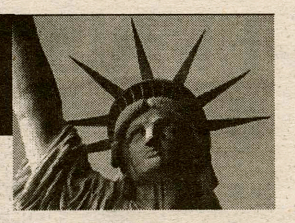

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AP Poll: Bush, Kerry in Dead Heat

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry are locked in a tie for the popular vote, according to an Associated Press poll, while a chunk of voters vacillate between their desire for change and their doubts about the alternative.

Bush's strength continues to be a perception by many voters that he is better qualified to protect the country, though his advantage on that has dwindled in recent weeks. A majority consider Kerry indecisive, less solid on national security.

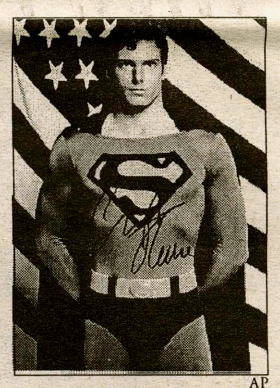
Kerry's strengths are Bush's weaknesses - most voters believe the country is on the wrong track and disapprove of the incumbent's handling of the economy, domestic affairs and Iraq.

The result is deadlock. In the survey of 976 likely voters, Democrats Kerry and Sen. John Edwards had 49 percent, compared to 46 percent for Republicans Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney. That's within the margin of error for the poll conducted Oct. 18-20.

There has been little or no change since the first debate, when an uneven performance cost Bush the lead over Kerry. The AP-Ipsos Public Affairs poll illuminates how both sides hope to break the logjam - Kerry by appealing to voters' desire for a new direction and Bush by fanning their fears about the risks of change.

Christopher Reeve's Widow Endorses Kerry

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Sen. John Kerry on Thursday accused President Bush of slowing scientific advancement after earning a special endorsement from the widow of actor Christopher Reeve, a proponent of the embryonic stem cell research on which the president has placed limits.



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"The American people deserve a president who understands that when America invests in science and technology, we can build a stronger economy and create jobs for the 21st century," Kerry said during a campaign rally. "But George Bush has literally ... turned his back on the spirit of exploration and discovery."

Reeve's widow, Dana, said her family has been grieving privately since her husband died Oct. 10. "My inclination would be to remain private for a good long while," she said. "But I came here today in support of John Kerry because this is so important. This is what Chris wanted."

Yankee Fans Disoriented After Loss

NEW YORK (AP) — The sun still came up Thursday, the subways were still running, the Empire State Building still stood 102 stories tall. But there was something different about this October morning.

The Boston Red Sox had defeated the New York Yankees. In a deciding seventh game. At Yankee Stadium.

"I don't understand," said Alex Afriyie, 30, a parking lot attendant working on the painful morning after. "They were on the top, and now they're on the bottom. This is very bad."

Afriyie, like many Yankee fans, was disoriented. For years - 85, to be exact - the baseball hangover belonged to Boston fans.

But on this morning, the pounding heads and bloodshot eyes belonged to those rooting for the Bronx Bombers.

"I couldn't sleep," said Larry McCants, taking a break outside his job near Madison Square Garden.

"I kept waking up. It's a tough loss. I didn't think we'd let the Red Sox come into Yankee Stadium and make history."

And yet, it happened. The Bosox became the first team in major league history to rebound from a three-games-to-none deficit to win a postseason series, and they did it in style: The last two victories came before 55,000 rabid fans in the Bronx.

Field House Lot to close Nov. 8 for Clinton lecture

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ing engagement since his quadrouple bypass surgery in October.

"Certainly some people will want to see how he's recovered from his surgery, but I think most would have been interested in this event regardless of his recent health issues," she said.

With such large crowds anticipated, Hamilton staff will be on hand to accommodate students and employees of the College on the day of the event. These staff members will aid in the formation of a line outside of the Emerson lobby at 4:00 pm. The Emerson doors will open at 5:00 pm.

"I encourage students to come out early. Bring a book and get comfortable," said Magnarelli. "Our students are nctorious for arriving late and expecting to get a seat. That won't be possible for this lecture, so please plan ahead."

Late arrivals certainly won't be a possibly - the Emerson Lobby doors will close at 6:30 pm. Any remaining members of the College community looking for seating will be directed to the general public entrance.

"Unfortunately, we will be enforcing these rules very strictly," said Magnarelli. "We have a limited number of seats, and in order to accommodate as many Hamilton people as possible, and give them good seats, we've got to be diligent about holding the area for individuals currently enrolled or employed at Hamilton.

"I'd love for Hamilton families to be able to attend and sit together in the Hamilton section, but if we did that for this particular lecture, there would be members of the Hamilton Community who might not get seated at all," Magnarelli added.

Those students who wish to attend with family members or other guests of the College will be able to do so. Those students, however, will only be able to enter the Field House with the general public and will be seated in that section.

For those who arrive after the Field House has been filled, the College will provide overflow seating in the Chapel and in Wellin Hall.

As far as parking for the event is concerned, the Field House parking lot will close at 8 pm on Monday, November 8. The College is asking all employees who normally park in this lot to park in either North or Root Extension Lots. Jitney service, beginning at 4 pm, will be available to bring faculty members to their offices.

On the night of the lecture, employees are being asked to park in the Root Extension lot. Shuttles will bring employees from this lot to Dunham Residence Hall. Employees and students are urged not to take the shuttle busses in from Village of Clinton, as those who arrive with the general public will be seated with the general public.

Special can be made for guests with physical disabilities. For more information, please call 859-4529 for assistance.

Sacerdote Great Names Lecture
the Honorable William J. Clinton, 42nd President of the United States
November 9, 2004 - 7:00 pm
Margaret Bundy Scott Field House, Hamilton College

Seating

A section of the Field House will be designated for Hamilton students and employees.
Students and employees wishing to sit in the Hamilton section will only be able to enter the Field House through the Emerson Lobby. The line will begin to form at 4 p.m.
The Emerson Lobby doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and close promptly at 6:30 p.m. At this time, any remaining seats in the Hamilton section will be given to members of the general public.
Student ID cards will admit only the holder.
Faculty ID cards will admit the holder and one guest.

Parking

The Field House Lot will be closed starting at 8 p.m. on Monday night. All employees who normally park in this lot will be asked to park in North or Root Extension Lots.
On the night of the lecture, employees will be asked to park in Root Extension. Shuttles will bring employees from this lot to Dunham Residence Hall.
Employees and students are urged not to take the shuttle busses in from Village of Clinton, as those who arrive with the general public will be seated with the general public.

SA to fund Democrat & Republican debate next Wednesday

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parties, however. This decision was made "basically because we wanted to focus the debate more as a presidential style debate than an open forum," said Martin. "If Student Assembly thinks it's fine than that legitimizes our opinion," he added.

O'Shea stated the same point of view, as she stated that their goal was to discuss the issues "from the points of view of candidates."

Rick and other Independent students argued that this exclusion continued to be unfair, and stated that there was a debate last spring which included all Independents as well as Democrats and Republicans. According to Rick, their request has always been the "inclusion of at least one independent voice."

"We didn't want to be marginalized in the audience," he added. "Independents don't constitute a significant majority in the real world...[however, in] college we're supposed to transcend reality...[we're] supposed to be about the free exchange of ideas."

The Democrats and Republicans responded that the debate this past spring had not been styled as a presidential debate, mirroring the recent presidential debates, as this one is going to be. "If the debate wasn't styled the way it was I'd love to have him be part of it," commented Martin on Rick and other Independents' involvement.

A meeting was held Wednesday evening to decide whether or not the Democrats, Republicans and Independents could come to a compromise on the inclusion of Independent voices in the debate. "My goal is simply inclusion," stated Rick, "It's not to stir up trouble." However, the outcome of the meeting reflected Student Assembly's decision as well as the opinions of the Democrats and Republicans.

"Everyone agreed that they didn't want Independents in the debate," said Bleirberg of Wednesday's meeting.

The debate will ultimately end up being a proxy of the presidential debates, with Democrats and Republicans debating important issues from the points of view of John Kerry and George Bush. It will take place on Wednesday, October 28 in the Chapel at 8p.m. and is open to everyone.

Green Week includes showing of "Super Size Me"

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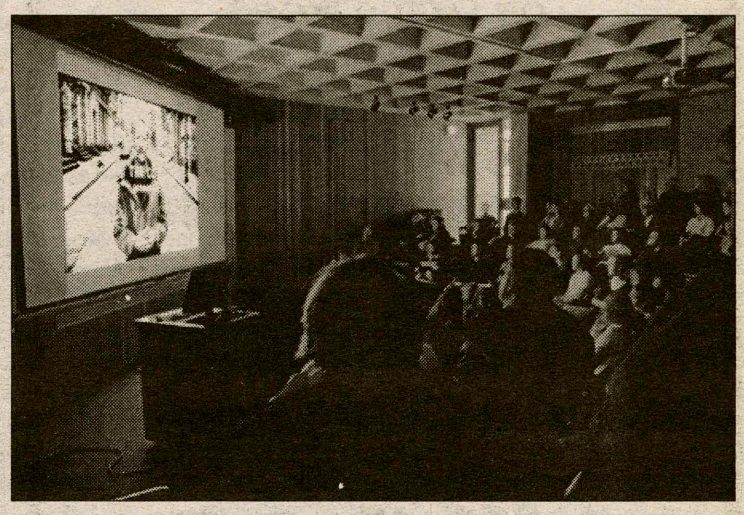
recycle even more at Hamilton," said Horbett. "We hope that by making the recycling process more familiar, we can encourage higher rates of recycling."

HEAG representatives have been in Beineke urging students to sign the Campaign for Clean Energy. The petition, signed at universities across the country, pledges to stop the use of dirty energy, which promotes the global warming through greenhouse gas emission. Students who signed received apples from the Clinton Cider Mill.

The rest of the week's activities include a campout on Minor Field tonight. On Friday, students are encouraged to wear green to show support for Hamilton's environment.

Green Week, which was formerly called "Zero Energy Week," has undergone a few changes since last year. According to Horbett, last year HEAG tried to bring together too many themes, which is why they chose to focus on only three this time. The event was put together by a HEAG focus group, led by Fowler, Horbett, and John Lynch '06, the organization's three presidents.

This semester HEAG is working with Colgate University to promote environmental initiatives on both campuses. "It is exciting to work with Colgate, and about time, because we are so close and are similar schools," said Fowler. HEAG has approximately fifty members who meet Mondays at 9:15pm in Benedict 105.



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Students gather for HEAG's showing of "Super Size Me" in KJ's Red Pit.

Local businesses contribute to Town-Gown Fund

HAMILTON COLLEGE PRESS RELEASE

Clinton, NY — Oct. 19, 2004 — A solicitation of companies that do business with Hamilton College has resulted in 45 contributions totaling more than $43,000 for The Hamilton College Town-Gown Fund.

These gifts, combined with others received during the past year, bring the market value of the endowed fund to over $576,000. The fund has a goal of $1 million.

Each year, the fund's income, which is calculated to be 5 percent of its market value, is used to fund noteworthy community projects. During 2003-04, the fund made seven grants totaling $24,000 to area police, fire and educational institutions in the Town of Kirkland. Over $50,000 has been disbursed from the fund since grants were first awarded in 2001.

The Hamilton College Town-Gown Fund was established in 2000 to foster goodwill and communication between the college, the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton.

Later this year, due in part to the generosity of companies that do business with the college, the fund will be able to increase both the number and the dollar amounts of grants made to agencies and organizations that serve the Kirkland community.

In the two years that businesses have been solicited, nearly $100,000 has been added to the Fund.

Editorial

The Spectator

The Spectator

"Older than the New York Times"

We are living on a divided Hill. Most of the campus has split into one of two camps. Allegiances are questioned, friendships broken, and violence has been simmering all week. In class, in the stir-fry line at McEwen, in the *Spectator* office, at the library– bridges are burning and no one, *no one*, has been getting anything done.

How are we supposed to get any work done in this tense environment? History is being made, and we feel like we're maybe just a little part of it. Who do you support? What do you stand for? Better decide fast– the game's on at 8:15.

Oh wait, you thought we were talking about the election… aw, that's sweet. Seriously, we care about that too, just not this much. This is history, folks– your opinion on the Sox aside, no baseball team has ever had a comeback like this. And whether you're mourning the end of a dynasty or praying the ghost of Babe Ruth doesn't strangle Ortiz or Damon from beyond the grave next week, you were watching.

Which brings us back to our point. We were watching, screaming, wearing lucky hats, and going days without shaving or changing t-shirts. Even if you don't know a Yankees or a Sox player if they walked around this campus with a shirt that read, "I play for the Red Sox," you were right alongside that friend of yours whose life seemed to be on the line every pitch. We weren't reading, or writing, or eating for that matter, and the only reason we got a newspaper out this week was because the series ended Wednesday. I guess we're human after all.

This week seemed to be chalk full of midterms and papers for the whole student body. Maybe the Registrar's office should come up with a new symbol for grades this term: I-YRS. That's "Incomplete–Yankees-Red Sox." Teachers expecting quality work should re-examine their values. Well, maybe that's a little extreme, but sometimes sports are more than just games. In this case, two teams, two franchises, two of the biggest businesses in the world fought for two cities separated by 215 miles. A lot of the students have attached themselves to these teams one way or another, and as college students we know now is the time to partake in vices like staying up all night to watch the games.

The Red Sox went the hard way, but who could expect anything less? If they had lost in game four and been swept, maybe we could have gotten some work done this week, but after seven games, most of the campus woke up Thursday morning feeling like they were run over by a big rig. Time to recover and take a few deep breaths and maybe a nap, because for the Sox fans out there, it only gets harder from here, with a possible seven more games of agony and delight all at once.

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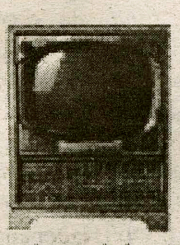

If you're looking for Caravaggio, you're sorry, sorry cold.

A self-portrait of Caravaggio as Bacchus. Honestly, he wouldn't last 10 minutes on The Sopranos.

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Too bad. Especially when you consider how much our children can learn from the conflicted life of a great artist like Michelangelo Caravaggio.

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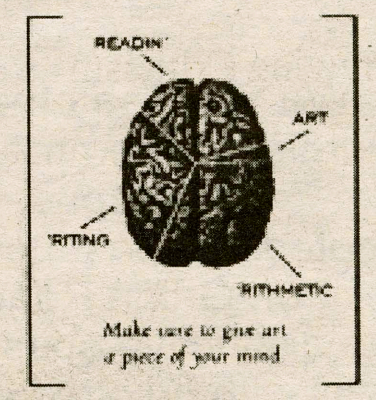

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Insights and Ideas

Hamilton: a baseball crazed campus

by Britten Chase '05
I&I EDITOR

When you go to an elite, prestigious, academically intense college...kind of like this one...there are certain expectations. Like that you'll do your work, you'll do it well, you'll do it on time, and you'll be prepared in class. On the first day of classes, all professors go over this with us, and we go with it. They put a ton of effort in their teaching, and if each of us gives minimal effort back it all works out in the end. Besides, no one wants to risk reduced grades, getting kicked out of class, public stonings or any other punishment our professors thought up for us.

And professors, for your future syllabus, you should probably put in this addendum: Attendance and participation rules are in effect all year except during the American League Championship Series.

Seriously. This has been great.

For me. Not necessarily my GPA.

Have you ever in the history of the universe (the greatest universe ever (home of the 2004 ALCS)) walked into class where no one did anything, admitted it, and the professor completly understood? In fact...they weren't prepared for class either?

Baseball has this campus in an iron-clad grip, and it's a ton of fun.

I should start out by saying that I love sports, but historically I've had a hard time putting baseball in that category. I'm really not a fan of the sport. See, my home team is the Colorado Rockies. So usually when I think about baseball, I think to myself, "Self, what a dumb sport. Bunch of doped up guys who get paid millions of dollars to be successful anywhere from a quarter to a third of the time. What talentless wastes of space. How could anyone like baseball? Answer: No one likes baseball." And by the time I thought of all the reasons why baseball sucks, the pain and agony of how horrible the Rockies are seems much less significant.

However, by being a Rockies follower, I am much better at going the distance for games that take up obnoxious amounts of time. Five hours? That's nothing. It's just hard to adjust to the fact that the score is not 28-25.

Anyway. It was over this fall break that I had to start come to terms with the fact that not only does baseball have historical significance, there really are a ton of people out there that do like baseball. While I was in Washington DC my friends and I went to the baseball exhibit at the Smithsonian. It says a lot about a sport when you walk through the Smithsonian and you see Hope Diamond, priceless 14th century art, History of Native Americans, Baseball. Going through that exhibit I realized what an impact baseball has had on our society. Everything from the first professional women's sports league, to the first African Americans in baseball, to cheating, to drug use, to coming together after 9/11. Baseball has been the backbone of our society, and when all else failed we could turn to it in our greatest time of need.

Not that I needed yet another way to procrastinate, but this has been a great series. Starting, of course, with game 4. In the 8th. Before then it looked like the Red Sox had conceeded and indeed knew who their daddy was.

Then it turned into a whole new ballgame (pun intended (how many times this week have you heard that one anyway (maybe it's not funny anymore))).

I think what is exciting for me is that even though I do not care who wins, its amusing to see how New York and Boston folks go after each other. It's great to hang out with friends and gather around two separate televisions with a wall separating Yankees and Red Sox fans. I guess its good that Boston and New York folks get so caught up in hating each other. They don't have time to realize that the entire rest of the world a) doesn't care, and b)hates them. I'm sorry but it's true. Why? Well, say I am driving in either Boston or New York. For some reason I have to switch lanes.

I know. God forbid.

But would it really kill you to let me over?

After all, driving is not a highly competitive contact sport.

I digress. I was in Massachusetts last year during the ALCS. I admit, it was hard to keep a straight face when the guy in his sweater-vest with the collar flipped up told me told me to "Cowboy up." But it just goes to show that at least one of my two theories on Massachusetts is correct.

Red Sox vs Yankees really is the biggest thing to happen to Massachusetts since the Tea Party.

Huh.

For all interested, my other theory on Massachusetts is that if terrorists wanted to take over the state all they would have to do is close all the Dunkin Donuts for a day. Chaos would erupt.

This does not mean that I am rooting for New York though. On the contrary.

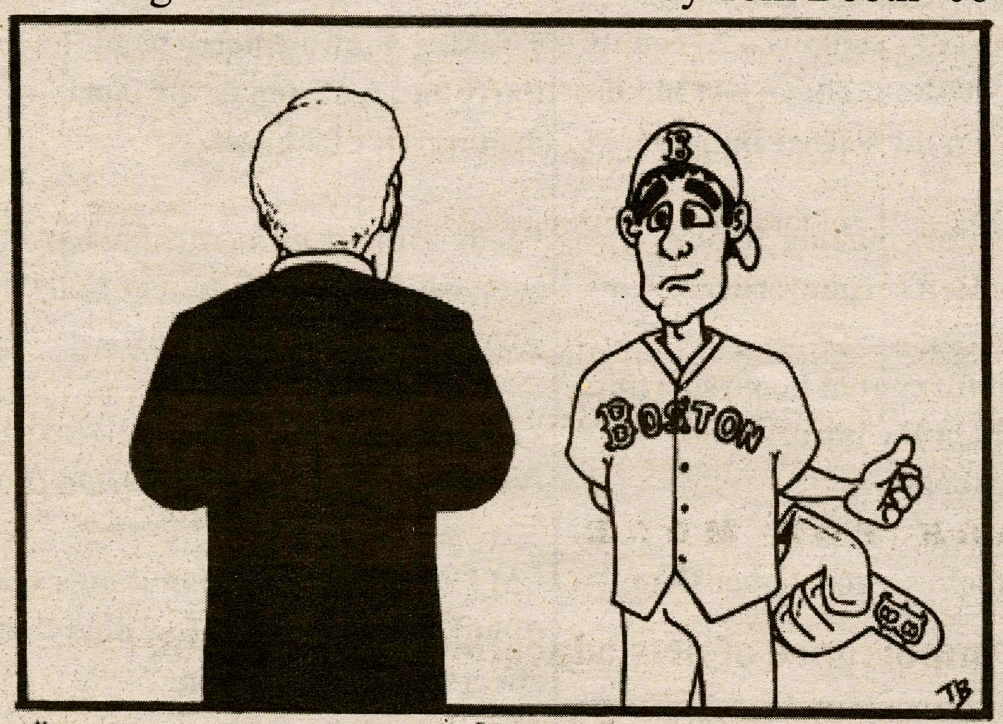
I like how New York fans always try to defend the spending habits of their team. You tell a New York fan that they spend 8 gillion dollars on a team every year and they always try to justify it. Look, there is nothing wrong with buying a championship team, just don't be shocked when no one thinks you deserve it.

Then, of course, they whine about how no one likes Yankees fans because of George Steinbrenner. Newsflash: No one likes Yankee fans because they are pompous, arrogant, and most of all, do not shut up about the damn Yankees. So put a sock in it.

Hey, you know what they say, sports bring out the best in us. So here's to good times, good friends, a continued excuse to not do those readings, and most of all, a well played series. Best of luck to Boston and whoever they meet in the World Series.

The Rockies fan in me hopes they both lose.

Drawing Criticism by Tom Booth '06



No straw men
Arrogance and adamance

by Jonathan Rick '05
I&I COLUMNIST

Last semester the Hamilton Democrats and Hamilton Republicans held a debate. After much pleading and prodding, they relented and included independents, Young Han '06, a Green Party member, and me, a Libertarian. This is not the case this semester.

During fall break I read an article in the *Syracuse Post-Standard* that quoted Paul Blieberg '06, who like last time was organizing an on-campus political debate. I sent Paul two e-mails asking if we could again work out a compromise to include independents; so as long as at least one independent had a presence on stage, the details, like our allotted time or numbers, would fall to the discretion of the clubs.

Paul and I met on October 7. He insisted he would not change his mind, so we went to the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, which was sponsoring the debate. The controversy made its way to Director Ann Owens, who soon rescinded all support for this exclusionary event. The government department held the same view: when subsequently asked to replace the Levitt Center as a sponsor, its chair, Frank Anechiarico,refused.

I then called Caroline O'Shea '06, the Democrats' president. She explained that it wasn't her call; it was Paul's. After going back and forth on this issue, Paul delegated discretion to the clubs; he said he would now merely reflect their choices. The reasons for these choices, as members of both clubs explained in many meetings and conversations during the past two weeks, are simple. First, the debate's purpose is to parrot this year's presidential debates and to educate voters. Second, given their nonmainstream views, the independents at last year's debate undermined its coherence. Third, nothing prevents independents from holding their own debate.

Now, while independents fully recognize that Democrats and Republicans overwhelmingly dominate (control actually) American politics, one reason why is that events like this exclude us. Yet, in fact, according to an online poll of Hamilton students from last week, independents outnumber Republicans. Ralph Nader and Michael Badnarik are also on, thus far, 34 and 48 state ballots.

Moreover, the purpose of college is not to reflect the real world, but to transcend its prejudices and shortcomings. This is the great virtue of academic freedom, which permits professors to be outspoken and, for students, emphasizes the free exchange of ideas. Indeed, students hear often of the importance of diversity, yet seemingly diversity ends where ideas start. The second point, I think, is refuted by the 1992 presidential debate, which included Ross Perot of the Reform Party. As with Hamilton's independents, Perot's presence did not weaken the debate but energized it.

Finally, yes, independents can hold our own debate—although as a practical matter we all know students will attend only one—but that is beside the point. Excluding independents because we're independents is a shame. That no compromise whatever could be reached results from arrogance and adamance.

Gorm returns: one alumni's weekend

by William J. Gormley Jr. '00.5
ALUMNI I&I CONTRIBUTOR

So I'm sitting behind Bundy dining hall at the ripe old age of 26, up for an alumni dinner with my fraternity, smoking a cigarette (because Pataki says "You can't smoke inside any more!"), drinking a warm beer (because President Garcia-Thompson says "No hard alcohol at parties!") and looking, but not touching 18 year old ladies (because my girl friend says "Do it and I'll cut your balls off") when a lovely young lady came outside to have a little bit of cancer. My buddy, Hansen (fellow member of the wasted potential club) asks me to give her a smoke and I do.

She then says, "Thank you."

I say, " No worries, darlin!"

She says, "Don't call me darlin."

All in all a wonderful little conversational tete a tete.

Who knew that this would open a storm of epic proportion between me and the sweetheart rocking a feminist vibe. What I saw as a harmless diminutive struck her as a misogynistic attempt to undermine the social fabric of our society. Faster than coke at a Milbank party (or Coke at a Friday Fun Fest) I was sucked into her tae-bo fists of justice.

She was one ticked off little lady. I tried to figure out why she would be so offended. I was obviously kidding and not to be taken seriously. Then I had my answer… she thought I was serious because of my red pants.

Yes red pants, Nantucket red in fact. Along with cadet blue shorts and orange capris with embroidered pineapples they are the new trouser based calling card of the cocktails and canapés set. Could this vision of Gloria Steinem ensconced loveliness not see the bleeding heart encased within my custom shirting and haberdashery. Apparently she could not.

As I lay there with swollen nose (and swollen liver, but that's another story all together), I had an epiphany. HamTech is not what it used to be.

That and "Gormley stop moving around or that girl will hit you again."

I haven't had this kind of inspired introspection since Junior year in HS when, and I am not making this up, a 12 year old female Inigo Montoya wannabee broke my arm during the Empire State Games Adirondack Regional Fencing Saber qualifiers. It then being prom night, my date now had two reasons to be disappointed in my performance. I digress…back to Bundy.

So I decided to launch with my new found (in the words of Pedro Martinez) "daddy" an intensive pedagogy to determine what had happened too all you good people where by a little sophomoric female derogatory humor ended in an ass kicking of serious proportions. What resulted from the pedagogy you ask?

See, that used to be the beauty of our little icebox on the hill; the way you dressed, who you spent time with and who your friends were did not predict who you were. The medium of actions had more to say that the medium of perception.

Sure you dressed like a stoner and all your friends were hippies but you know what, that person was president of the conservative club. Or for another example, you were the typical Hamilton party girl, yet you kept your virginity til marriage. See Hamilton, surprisingly enough, used to be about defying perception, challenging how people saw and defined you, by defining your self.

There was very little of that on display in the pedagogy we embarked upon except that if you looked one way then that was who you were. Perhaps it mirrors an ever increasing focused on image in society. It could be a result of the ever shrinking eye of the needle that one has to pass thought to get in here. Just like light through a pin prick, such a tough sieve obviously will produce a more stratified yet overall homogeneous population.

Ethnically Hamilton is more diverse than at any time before in its history and academically harder to get accepted to. Diversity and scholastic elitism are important, but what about diversity of thought and scholastic eclecticism? How do you measure, train and recruit for that?

Perhaps the changes in evidenced norm and perception breaking are endemic of an increasing emphasis on what you are as opposed to who you are. But the fact remains that people are more than just the checks in a box… or box for a check (see brothel reference above).

Or maybe I'm just being super sensitive because of the pants.

So what is my cautionary advice? My message to the masses (who probably don't care but the editor of *The Spectator* is dating an undergrad fraternity brother of mine so she is letting me engage in a little bit of narcissism... plus she thinks I'm hot). Three simple things.

First treasure the time you have to think. Take the time to define what it is you want in someone 'cause the time you have to do it ends too damn soon and you start making poor choices, like "Wow those pants sure look good on Tyson Beckford, I should get a pair."

Second, take these four years and figure out who you want to look at in the mirror cause you have to see him every morning. Remember, even when you work for yourself, your boss is still an ass.

Finally, don't judge a book by its cover or an alumni by his pants.

Love,
William J. Gormley Jr. '00.5

Happy Thoughts

by Melissa Kong '08
I&I WRITER

How many people have had their share of bad days? When something goes wrong, we tend to convince ourselves that the whole day will be bad, but bad "days" are really just premeditated. The next time something goes wrong, don't think about how bad it is. Instead, just think about something that makes you smile. It doesn't have to be a big thing...the little things are usually the ones that make you smile the most. If you look for the good in things, you'll be more likely to find them, so be optimistic. Here's a list of a few things to help kick off those happy thoughts!

The Best Things On Earth:

1. Warm towels fresh from the dryer.
2. CD's with the lyrics printed inside them so you can sing along without feeling stupid.
3. When the ice cream scoops out easily at Commons.
4. Hearing your favorite song on the radio.
5. Movie Marathons in your PJ's with your two best friends...Ben and Jerry.
6. Finding something you really wanted, but could never find ...at 75% off.
7. How satisfied you feel when your on the last page of a ridiculously long reading assignment.
8. Finding $20 in your coat pocket from last winter.
9. Late Night Diner.
10. Waking up and realizing you still have a few hours left to sleep

Thumbs Up Thumbs Down Who Cares?

- Chris Preston– you are missed.

- Window shopping for freshmen on the ellipticals while walking towards the first hole.

- Miklos

- Campus Safety Officer Mu-Shaka Benson. Doing his job while winning our respect... take some notes, Mario.

- Football winning in double-OT

- Boston making history!

- Giving all your friends Jewish last names.

- Red Sox fans from Virginia.

- Milbank Meatsticks bringing us that much closer to a dry campus... 25 counts of damage?? We should have just hired you to take down the science building.

- Area coordinators making Jeffery Dahmer look like a social worker.

- Poor student turnout at home sporting events...Get out of the library on Saturdays... ratbags.

- Security at the reservoir tigher than Area 51.

by James Crowlenstein '05, Nikle Guzijanawitz '06 and the Wally Jizzle Crew

- Bush & Kerry– like choosing which foot to amputate.

- Taking a townie home from the Barn Party and realizing in the morning dem weren't fake teef.

- Silly sorority girls working hard to get positions on the Student Body... we suggest the reverse cowboy.

- Freshmen Girls... *E*ager *N*ymphomaniacs love *E*merald *N*uts

- MTV reporting on Hamilton's year-round snow storms... How does that affect our rankings, Joan?

Letters to the Editor

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I would like to thank Britten Chase, I&I Editor, for some of the sentiments expressed in the article last week entitled Hey Bigots: bring it on. However, in the process of trying to write against homophobia, the article re-inscribed bigotry within another context. Chase writes, "When I signed up for this whole Hamilton thing, I figured if I went to a rich, preppy liberal school in the northeast, I wouldn't have to deal with close-minded hicks." The article later talks about bigots as people "who desperately need a shower" and are "dumb rednecks." In this language, the article stereotypes bigots as being poor, dirty, rural or not from the northeast. Nor do we know, as Chase states, that "99.999999% of people on this campus are not hate-filled people and support those being sought out." The article reinforces the idea that rich, preppy students from the northeast (the "majority") would not participate in such acts of hatred and places the blame on a "bad apple" from a 'bad' (ie. poor or non-northeastern) group. I do not know who commits these acts of harassment, but hate-filled actions on this campus are more numerous than one might suspect. Further, I imagine that rich, preppy northeasters could likely be the perpetrators of such hatred. The assigning of blame to a marginalized group allows the majority to absolve itself of its own complicit guilt in a campus climate that seems to have, at least in some instances, encouraged hatred and harassment.

Further, I understand the sentiments expressed about Rainbow Alliance's "Fall Coming Out Party" by Andrew Whalen, I&I Writer, in his article last week, Fighting the Right Fight. Nevertheless, the event he wrote about was a party and just about every social party at Hamilton exudes sexuality. Theme parties like "Good Girls, Bad Boys" and "Red Light District" are rather in-your-face about sex and sexuality. Furthermore, just about every party at Hamilton parades heterosexuality around like bad bondage gear or a penis costume at a Pride parade. Frankly, it adds to the social oppression of queers (I use this term as an umbrella term for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and others) when one expression of their sexual difference and sexuality becomes a prime target for a critique in the newspaper. In the spirit of diversity, the party served as a taste of queer culture. The Annex transformed into a queer space, complete with dance performances and drag shows, if only for a short time. I admit that the party portrayed one specific type of queer social scene. However, I do not think that one event must provide the full spectrum of experience or that social parties ought be educational. Rainbow Alliance threw the party to provide entertainment and fun to the student body and in that respect, the party was extremely successful. Further, it is rather presumptuous for a self-identified WASP and person in the majority to lecture a marginalized and harassed group on how they are supposed to act. Indeed, while I understand your sentiment, I disagree that homosexuals need to whitewash themselves to fit the mainstream. Mere assimilation into the mainstream should not be the goal of every movement. People need to tolerate not only homosexuals who act like everybody else but also those who dress in drag and others who change their gender or sexual category. Verbal and physical harassment are not "gay rights" issues but are human right issues; no one ought be subjected to them. This presents a dilemma for queers on how they should act. When homosexuals act outside of stereotypes, they are perceived as threatening the dominant culture. When they act within stereotypes, they are critiqued in the newspaper. If they dare to have pride in who they are, they are often subjected to verbal and physical harassment. How should they act then? The answer becomes clear: dead.

Thomas Acampora '05

Dear Spectator Editors:

On Tuesday, October 12th Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA) organized a "Take Back the Night" Candlelight Vigil and Speak Out with Womyn's Center, VOX, Gamma Xi, TKE, Stryker, Women's Rugby, Hamilton College Democrats, Hamilton Adult Learners, Emerson Literary Society, Hamilton College Counseling Center, HAVOC, WIAA, Student Activities, Alpha Theta Chi, Asian Cultural Society, Kappa Sigma Alpha, the Office of the President, and Rainbow Alliance, as part of HAVOC's Empowerment Week.

We sincerely appreciate that a *Spectator* staff writer attended Take Back the Night and wrote about the success of the event.

However, the *Spectator* article contained too many details of the Speak Out itself, thereby violating the confidentiality of the event. We feel strongly that the printing of this information was unnecessary, and that it undermined the safety of the Speak Out, a principle that Take Back the Night is founded upon.

Individuals who did share their personal stories at the Speak Out were offended or upset by the release of their comments to the community, and SASA apologizes for any role that we played in this and hope that this will not prevent individuals from attending and speaking at future Take Back the Night events.

We also would like to correct some of the information from the article. First, **Naomi** Guttman is the chair of the Harassment Grievance Board and may be reached at x4780. Also, to reach the YWCA Rape Crisis Center from a campus phone, dial x5000. From a cell phone or off-campus line, reach the YWCA at (315) 797-7740.

Thank you to the approximately 100 people who took part in Take Back the Night and showed their support for survivors of sexual assault in our community. We would especially like to thank the **eighteen** organizations and offices that co-sponsored the event with us for their encouragement and support.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Crusan '06 -
Chief Organizer of Take Back the Night

Jessica Kapps '06
Lauren Leatherman '05
Taylor Chapman '06
Caroline O'Shea '07
Lindsay Wohlers '07
Julie Haney '07

From the editors:

The article was not intended to impinge on the feeling of security in the event in any way. We are sorry if it did, but the summary of the discussion was vague at best. In the interest of privacy, no names were attached to any of the comments made at Speak Out, nor were any quotes from Speak Out published.

We do, however, humbly apologize for misidentifying Professor Naomi Guttman; that was the result of poor copy editing on our part. The numbers of the various resources on campus, however, were published correctly.

Features

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

Diner plans survey, combo meals, more options
October 20, 1995

After changing managers two weeks ago, the campus diner's staff is looking for suggestions from students in order to improve their service. Many students have complained that the new menu format has limited their order options. "It's disappointing," said Lisa Magnerelli '97, "You used to be able to get any type of sandwich you wanted, with anything on it, and now you can't." The old system allowed students to order sandwiches in a manner similar to the dining hall format. Now diner patrons are restricted to the menu items.

One particular item that the new manager plans to evaluate for possible change is the cash equivalency system. As it now stands, students are allowed $2.75 for breakfast, $4.00 for lunch, and $5.00 for dinner.

A common complaint from students is that no soda is provided in the lunch offerings. To deal with this, Bon Appetite has created one lunch and dinner special a day that comes with a soda.

Alternative Res. Life plan draws mixed reactions
October 13, 1995

Six months after the announcement of the new Residential Life plan, the Concerned Alumni Coalition is playing up its alternate plan, "A Better Hamilton." It released the figures from its April 10 survey of students and fraternity alumni last Tuesday, citing 91 percent support of its plan by students and fraternity alumni who returned postcards included with the proposal.

The report reveals a gap between the numbers of those who support and those who oppose the Residential Life decision. Approximately five thousand copies of the alternate proposal were mailed out to fraternity alumni, but only 636 alumni wrote back- a 12% return rate. Similarly, only 18% of students responded, and because of the low percentage of responses at the time of the survey, it is difficult to know whether the sample is representative.

Many of the alumni who responded addressed what they felt as the administration's restriction of student choice. Others called for President Tobin's and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Kevin Kennedy's removal.

Students burn flag as part of censorship class
October 16,1992

Three students set fire to an American flag and mocked the Pledge of Allegiance in their "Book Banning in Russia and America" class two weeks ago in an attempt to enliven the discussion of censorship and flag burning.

Professor Franklin Sciacca said, "It was intended as an excellent experiment...I hoped to invoke some response out of the class."

Three Hamilton students torched the flag while the class mocked the Pledge of Allegiance, saying, "I do not pledge allegiance to the dis-United States of America."

Commenting on his role, one student said that he "wasn't too proud" and "regretted it in a way." Another student, a Canadian, said that because of his nationality, he didn't feel the same as some of the other students.

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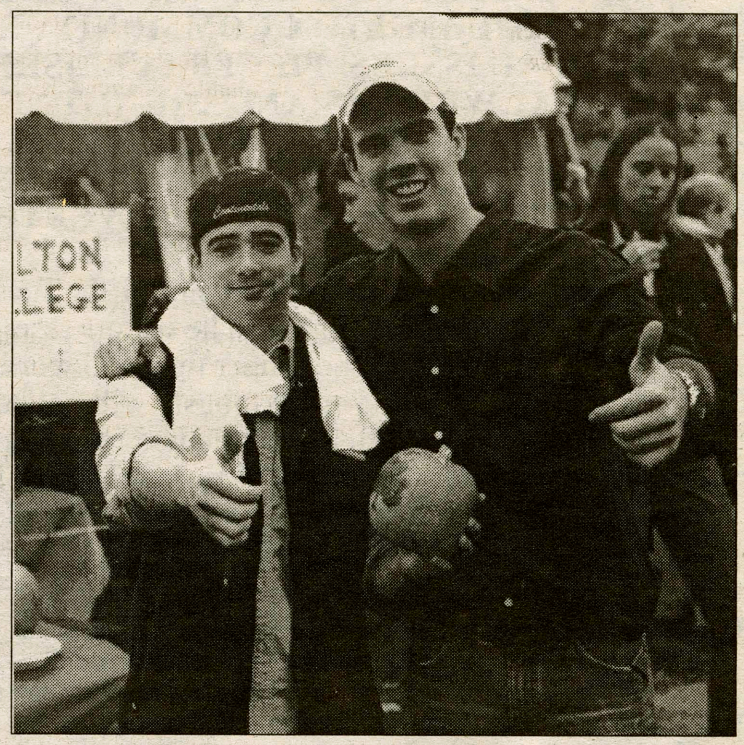
Fall Fest slated for Sunday

by Katie Childs '08
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR



CONTRIBUTED BY ELIZABETH DOLAN '05

Fall Fest was founded by members of the Class of 2005. Last year, Brian Farnkoff '05 and Dave Sawyer '05 were among those in attendance at this annual event.

"The first Fall Fest took place two years ago in November 2002. It was really cold and rainy. It could have been a failure, but it was hugely successful," said Elizabeth Dolan '05, president of the Student Assembly and one of the founders of Fall Fest.

The third annual Fall Fest will take place on Sunday, October 23 from 1-4 p.m. Buses will depart from ELS and run from 1-5 p.m. to the Village Green in downtown Clinton.

Fall Fest was an initiative to improve town-gown relations between Clinton and the Hamilton community. "It was a really big issue on campus that fall," said Dolan. Fall Fest allows the Hamilton community and the Clinton community to join together for an afternoon of activities, food, and fun. "The village loves it," said Dolan. "The administration attributed some of the success with town-gown relations to that event. It's becoming a tradition."

Fall Fest is sponsored this year by the Class of 2007. "I'm fortunate to have people to hand this project over to," said Dolan, who passed the responsibility of organizing Fall Fest primarily to Hilary Gamble '07 and Sara Feuerstein '07. "I'm really excited for it to be a sophomore tradition," said Dolan. Organizations from Hamilton will fill the Village Green on Sunday, offering different activities, entertainment, and food at their booths. The fraternities and sororities on campus will be an active part of Fall Fest: ATX will be offering face painting; AD will be running a soccer "clinic"; KSA will have a contest with donuts on a string; Gamma Xi is having a ping pong ball toss; and several other Greek organizations are participating in Sunday's activities. In addition, some of the a cappella groups on campus will perform.

"I hope the student body takes advantage of the opportunity Fall Fest offers us to mingle with the town," said Gamble, the sophomore class president. "One of the reasons Hamilton is such a wonderful place to be is because of the great rapport with Clinton."

*see **Fall Fest**, page 11*

The Cider Mill is a popular destination for students

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

The Clinton Cider Mill has been a hot spot this fall for students who want to stock up on apple cider, apple donuts (with or without sugar), and of course, apples. Located on Elm Street, it is only a few minutes from campus, and a great way to enjoy the fall season. It might also be the perfect excursion for Family Weekend; for more on Family Weekend, see "The ups and downs of having parents on campus" on page 11.

The ups and downs of having parents on campus

by Danielle Sclafani '08
FEATURES WRITER

Last week, when you retrieved the brightly colored "Family Weekend" brochure from your mailbox, did unsettling thoughts race through your mind? Did your stomach suddenly feel queasy? Did your head begin to hurt? Or, were the words, "Family Weekend" a pleasant sight, a reminder that in only a few weeks your parents, younger siblings, and those oh so lovable furry friends would soon be joining you on the Hill?

As many Hamilton students advance through their college years, Family Weekend becomes an increasingly important event. College is when we shed the adolescent mentality that our families are an embarrassment and we finally begin to treat them with respect, once again acknowledging them when friends are close-by.

Senior sociology major Katie Yates '08 says, "Freshman year I felt a bit awkward having my parents with me. I was still trying to establish my own identity and I felt conspicuous walking around with my family. However, my family was unable to attend [Family Weekend] my sophomore year and it was then that I realized how important it was for me to have them visit. From then on, I am extremely excited when they visit, even if it is not during Parents' Weekend. I develop a sense of pride knowing that they are that involved in my life and interested in what I am learning. I guess I just learned to not be so concerned with what others may think, but to be proud of what I had accomplished and the importance of sharing that with my parents, who have supported me unconditionally."

While some may worry that parents may encroach upon the freedom and liberty of college life, rushing to clean their dorm rooms, remove posters from the walls, and hide magazines under the mattresses, Ann Horwitz '06 never had a problem with the idea of her parents coming to visit. "My parents are cool," she says, "so the weekend's never too tortuous. I mean, they were even pretty understanding my freshman year when they walked in on me and my roommates roasting a llama on a spit."

When it comes down to it, Family Weekend is an important time for both families and students. Parents truly enjoy the time they get to spend with their children at college. "My family loves the weekend," said Yates. "I think my mother raves about it to all her friends for months afterward; it seems that Hamilton's Family Weekend is truly a unique experience in comparison with other colleges and universities. I think my parents feel it is an escape from their daily routine, a mini vacation of sorts, which probably adds to their enjoyment."

Family Weekend is equally important for students. It gives them the opportunity to introduce their parents to what their life is like away from home. "I enjoy Parent's Weekend because it provides me with an opportunity to share with my parents what my life here at Hamilton is all about," said Yates. "They are able to attend the classes that I talk so much about; they can meet my professors, especially those whom I have developed an awesome working relationship with, especially after spending my summer on the hill. My parents are able to meet my friends, as well as visit with the peers I made during my first few years here on the hill."

Of course, there's always the financial as well as culinary benefit of having mom and dad at school. "There's the definite trip to Wal-Mart or Target to escape campus and replenish the food and supplies on mom and dad's budget. We also usually go to Commons for breakfast; my parents enjoy engaging in any aspect of my college life that they can and there is always the dinner off campus, something that I most definitely look forward to!" said Yates.

A sophomore adds, "My parents loved all the events scheduled; they thought it was really nice, but I think what we both liked best about the weekend was just spending a little bit of time together. I am so excited that they're coming again this year!"

However, for most, Family Weekend does have its downside. Not only are many students left orphans for the weekend, but, unfortunately, time does not stand still when parents set foot on the Hamilton campus.

"This may sound a bit pathetic," said Yates, "but I don't like the fact that the workload continues immediately after [the parents] leave. Sometimes I think I could enjoy the weekend a bit more if I didn't have to be concerned about all the homework I have to do when they leave. Other than that, there isn't much I can think of that I don't like, except for maybe the weather, but that's not really relevant to Family Weekend...that's all the time!"

Indeed, Yates is not the only one who wishes that life on the Hill would stop for just one weekend each year. Elizabeth Faroh '08 from Venezuela laments, "I'm so excited that my parents are coming all the way from Venezuela just for Parents' Weekend but I'm really angry that I have exams the following week! Isn't Parents' Weekend supposed to be about spending quality time with your family and not about studying? Every other weekend can be about studying, but my parents are only going to be here once."

Third annual Relay for Life Friday

by Meghan Horman '06
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Relay for Life, a worldwide signature event of the American Cancer Society, will take place this Friday evening from 7:00 PM until 7:00 AM. The third annual event joins the Hamilton community in the fight against cancer.

Teams of students will alternate walking around the track continuously throughout the night in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House to demonstrate the community's devotion towards making a difference.

With more participants than ever before, over 275 students and faculty are expected to partake in this Friday's Relay for Life. The goals of the American Cancer Society's largest fund raising event are to raise awareness of cancer and the plight of cancer patients throughout the world in an attempt not only to raise money, but also to remind patients that they have not gone unnoticed. Relay for Life started as one man's attempt to raise money for cancer research and support.

In 1985 Dr. Klatt, a colorectal surgeon, clocked 83 miles over a 24 hour span of time, running/walking continuously in order to raise $27,000 for the American Cancer Society. Today, over 4200 communities, Hamilton College included, participate in this worldwide event to aid in cancer research and awareness.

Three years ago Abby Markeson '04 and Caitlin Foley '04 kicked off the first annual Hamilton College Relay for Life fundraiser, which was able to donate over $7,000 to the American Cancer Society. Last year the Hamilton community raised $4,000. As for this year's funds, as of Wednesday, October 20th, $3,000 has been raised, but participants are optimistic that they will be able to match the first year's amount of $7,000.

The money raised on Friday will be appropriated four different ways. Donations will go to research, advocacy, promotion and support. Support donations will most directly influence the cancer community. The support funds will truly make a difference in the lives of many cancer patients, making it possible for them to obtain assistance with daily tasks that are difficult to endure because of their conditions.

Research, advocacy and promotion of course, will affect the cancer community on a larger basis, providing awareness to the world and greater chances in finding a cure.

Caitlin Connelly '07, Tyranny Boisvert '07 and Elizabeth Starker '07 are organizing this year's Relay event. In a combined effort to ensure that this event will achieve multiple goals, the event chairs have organized fun games and events that will keep the devoted Relay participants entertained throughout the night.

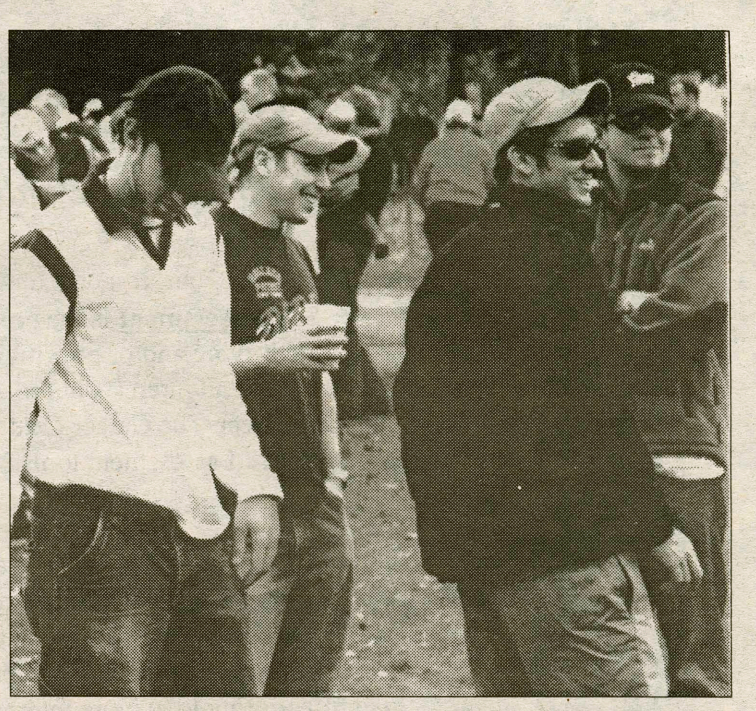
Volunteers can partake in various events including basketball, volleyball and maybe even karaoke. There will even be prizes for the team that raises the most money. A mini memorial service will be held at 10:00 pm that allows for participants to light a candle in memory of someone that died of cancer. The lights in the gym will dim and the candles will be the dominant form of light, instilling awareness in the community of the pervasiveness of cancer.

Although a commendable act, simply signing away one's money towards nonprofit organizations does not encourage the type of unity that charity events such as Relay for Life promote.

This 12-hour event will provide the Hamilton community with an opportunity to combine forces and fight apathy. Relay for Life is the world's largest fundraising event that was able to successfully gather, in a single year, $212 million for the American Cancer Society's research and prevention programs.

While $4,000- $7,000 may seem like a less significant figure in the grand scheme of things, the sincerity and effort demonstrated by each participant in Friday's Relay for LIfe event is priceless.

Fall Fest improves town-gown relations



CONTRIBUTED BY ELIZABETH DOLAN '05

Music, food, games, and time with friends are intregal parts of Fall Fest.

*from **Fall Fest**, page 10*

Fall Fest is a chance for students to get off the Hill for an afternoon of fun with classmates, neighbors, and fellow residents. "It's so different than anything that goes on at this campus," said Dolan. "It's a great time of year and it's neat to see how many people pour down to downtown for this type of community activity."

Although good weather is predicted for Sunday, the forecast will not determine the success of Fall Fest. "I'm hoping for great weather but, as in the past we've proved, it's about the spirit," said Dolan.

Lights, camera, action! Spotlight on the Film Guild

by Annie Bowler '08
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

When freshman Andrew Whalen '08 started Hamilton's Film Production Guild he did so to indulge his love of screen projects. Little did he know the club would quickly become the home to many of Hamilton's aspiring film makers.

The club was founded this year, with the intention, according to Whalen, of "spreading a better understanding of movie making." He notes that the school funding for student projects is another added bonus.

As the club members gathered in ELS this week, there were few in attendance, but those who were there were very excited. (Unfortunately, many of the 25 regular members in total, were attending the screening of Super Size Me and were unable to hear the FPG's outside speaker.) Professor O'Neil shared some tips on the role of character in film with the group. This topic is one of many that the club discusses each week, hoping to gather more awareness for the complexity of film making. As O'Neil spoke, students nodded in agreement, all of them quite familiar with the techniques and producers that she was speaking of. "Film Language" as O'Neil put it, is present throughout all screen productions, regardless of whether or not they are narirated. She showed the club a film made in the early 1900's known as "The Great Train Robbery". The short displayed a series of events as three robbers hijacked a train and robbed the passengers within. Although the film was made decades ago, it still maintained similar plot lines to movies that are important in pop culture today. The techniques demonstrated in these movies are classic and add to the club's goal of fostering a better understanding of the process involved in making a successful film.

Whalen says that the club is formatted like a workshop. Each meeting is fairly separate from the one before, so students from all of campus can drop by when they get a chance and still benefit from the material being taught. Workshops showcase new skills required in the production of film. These range anywhere from character development and plot flow to how to create fake blood. With these skills the members can then tap into the clubs resources to make their own films.

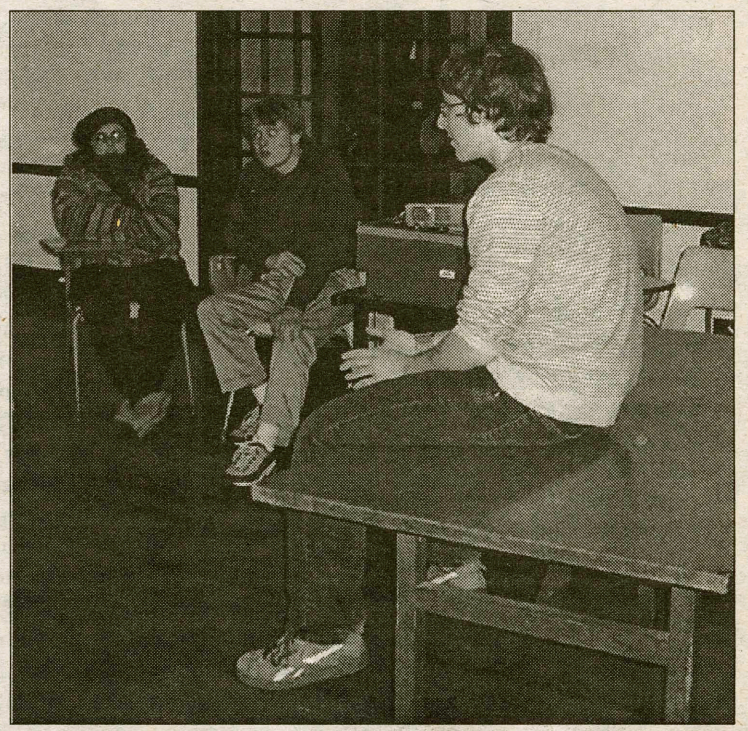
The process begins with a proposal that one must submit if he or she is interested in creating a film. If the proposal is approved then the student has access to the cameras and equipment, not to mention tons of film making enthusiasts, necessary to producing their movie.

The first proposal, which is currently in review, was submitted by Noah Wright '08. It is a short film outlining the topic of "what you would do if you had 24 hours to live?" Wright stressed the point that his production is a comedy, "nothing dark or morbid as the title suggests," he said. At this weeks meeting Wright took names of a handful of FPG members who volunteered to play bit parts in his upcoming film if it is approved.

Other Production Guild events that lie ahead include a 24 hour film contest to take place later this semester. All of campus will be invited to rent equipment, draw a topic from a hat, and spend the next day filming, editing and producing their very own film. Twenty four hours after the topics are drawn the finished entries with be viewed and judged in KJ auditorium. The FPG also hopes to play some role in the art festival later this year.

As the meeting came to a close, students lingered in the room, talking excitedly about recent movies and upcoming projects they hope to pursue. It is clear that Whalen's goal of bringing together film enthusiasts from around Hamilton has surely succeed.

For more information on the Hamilton Film Production Guild contact Andrew Whalen.



BY PETER WEITZMAN '07

The Film Production Guild meets Wednesday nights at 8 pm in ELS.

The Career Center

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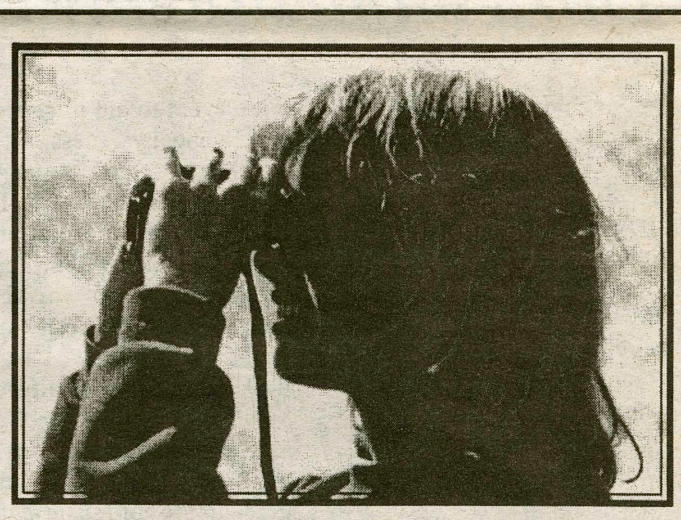

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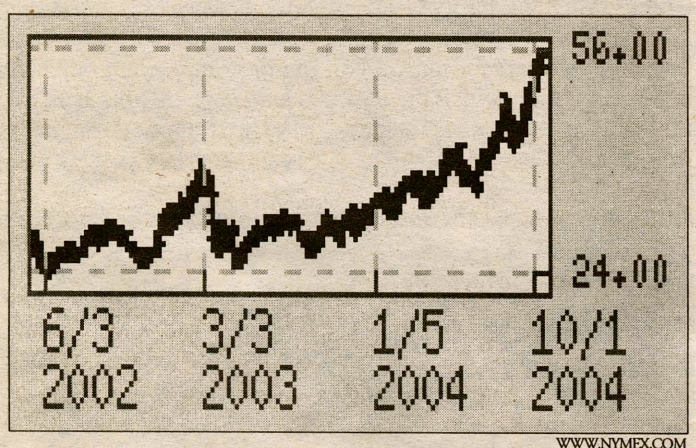
Business & Economics

Financial Market Summary: 10/15-10/21

by David Kelland '05
BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS WRITER

Over the past three weeks, the Dow Jones Industrial Average or DJIA, and the NASDAQ 100, two closely watched U.S. equity indices, have diverged. This is an uncommon event for the two indices, because both are determined by stock prices, and they even share some of the same components. The NASDAQ-100 is not to be confused with the NASDAQ Composite. The former comprises the largest 100, domestic, non-financial corporations listed on the NASDAQ while the latter is more broad-based and more commonly quoted by the news. While the DJIA closed a paltry 1.4% above its August low on Wednesday, the NASDAQ-100 ended 11.4% above its August bottom. The DJIA, which is a price-weighted index of only 30 companies, has been falling largely because of strong selling in AIG, General Motors, and Honeywell, causing those securities to lose market value.



Light sweet crude oil prices have more than doubled over the past two years, demanding attention of investors all over the world.

The airline industry continued its long decline with Northwest Airlines, Delta and AMR, parent company to American Airlines, all posting losses. Though airline passenger volume recently reached pre September 11th levels, high fuel prices coupled with huge debts seem to be dragging the sector down. Competition from new firms, such as JetBlue, is also taking its toll on the airline industry giants.

The semiconductor sector, after struggling for the past two weeks, found a bid on Wednesday with the Semiconductor Holder's Trust, or SMH, closing up more than 2%. This was also the second highest volume day ever. After the closing bell Wednesday, Altera, the programmable chip maker, said that the semiconductor industry is "experiencing an inventory correction, which [they] believe will be relatively short-lived," further encouraging buyers in after hours trading.

After briefly declining on Friday and Monday, crude oil futures continued to rally on Tuesday and closed Wednesday at $54.40 per barrel. Oil's surge has been in part due to supply fears which have also driven up the price of natural gas and heating oil. The U.S. dollar's recent weakness has exacerbated that rise. Even if foreign buyers are only willing to pay the same price in their own currencies as they did a month ago, that number now translates to a higher price in US dollars.

The weaker dollar and higher oil prices have also supported gold, with the near month futures contract closing around $424/oz. Wednesday. Gold has not traded above the $432 level since 1988. "We will likely test the old high ($432/oz.) on a weaker dollar and geopolitical concerns" said a metals trader at Van Gorder Securities. South African company Harmony Gold Mining made a hostile bid of 52.9 billion rand in stock for Gold Fields Limited on Monday. The takeover, if completed, would surpass Newmont Mining as the world's largest gold producer. The rising rand has prevented South African gold mining outfits from capitalizing on the 67% increase in gold's dollar value since 2001.

U.S. Treasuries remained strong this week on concerns that higher energy prices will threaten the global economic recovery and uncertainty about the upcoming Presidential election. As treasury prices rose, yields fell, and at the end of Thursday's trading session, the 30-year, 10-year, and 5-year treasuries yielded 4.77%, 3.99% and 3.28% respectively. Eurozone bonds also performed well, making 7-month highs on Thursday. Poor performance and uncertainty in the equities markets generally push bond prices higher.

The U.S. dollar had what could only be termed a miserable week. It fell to ¥107.5, with the Euro climbing to $1.262, and the GBP reaching $1.828. Any nation's currency tends to depreciate as bond yields fall, which has been the pattern in the US bond market recently. Also dragging on the dollar is the weakness in the US equities markets and the economy as a whole.

Finance 101... so you'll never have to share a cell with Martha Stewart, even with potpourri

This week: how to legally buy and sell securities

by Tim Foley '06
BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS EDITOR

Securities are investments in financial markets. Some securities represent ownership in a firm, while others represent debt to be paid. Fundamental and technical factors in addition to market sentiment move security prices. The ability to valuate a security is crucial, but understanding how to buy or sell them is necessary as well. Identifying a profitable investment will not make you a dime unless it is bought. As the saying goes, "You have to be in it to win it."

Unfortunately, you and I can't legally buy and sell securities. Actual transactions can only be performed by registered representatives who are licensed by the National Association of Securities Dealers or NASD. In order to become a licensed member, an individual must be sponsored by an NASD recognized firm. After passing the necessary tests, registered representatives, or stock brokers, can give advice for a fee and make securities transactions on behalf of their clients. Retail investment firms can either be classified as discount brokerages or full service brokerages. Differences between the two can be understood by comparing small colleges like Hamilton to large universities like Ohio State.

At Hamilton, students receive assistance with every aspect of their lives. We can go to the Career Center for employment advice or the Writing Center or Quantitative Literacy center for tutoring. Professors can easily schedule one-on-one appointments to assist their students whom they know by name. Small classes and individual attention assure that each student gets exactly what he or she wants from Hamilton. Hamilton students have access to all of the college's resources at almost any time of the day, and if there are any problems, someone is always here to help. Students live in beautiful buildings, play on well-maintained fields and can order sushi or a burger made specifically to their taste. Above all, personal attention is one main reason why many students choose Hamilton, or any other small college.

And we pay for it all. Hamilton's tuition is many times that of most public universities. Students pay the same amount whether they are taking three or five classes. However, most students feel that the service Hamilton provides is worth the money. Our tuition goes to employing the most accomplished professors, maintaining our beautiful facilities and hiring an excellent food-service company. In the end, most students hope the high tuition pays off in the form of an excellent job.

Large public universities can have hundreds of students in a single class, making individual attention or office hours hard to come by. All together, services are less personal and students usually don't have access to consistent one-on-one assistance from faculty members. Tuition at these schools is much lower, and perhaps students may find it more difficult to obtain their ideal job after graduation. Help is available for students who want it, but don't count on professors giving out their home numbers to a class of 200. The main service of large universities is simply providing an education.

Even less personal than large universities are the newly developing online colleges. Class is online and tests are online. There might not even be a professor for a single course, but rather a few who handle most of the students' needs. Forget about asking questions related to class or getting personal attention if certain aspects of the class seem incomprehensible. Tutoring and career advice are likely nonexistent, Tuition, charged by the credit, is extremely low.

Hamilton College can be compared to a full service brokerage. Full service brokerages supposedly employ the best people in the business and offer expert advice for every aspect of a client's financial needs. Behind them stand an army of analysts and researchers who have examined virtually every investment opportunity available. Full service registered representatives spend a lot of time making financial plans for each of their clients. Walk into a full service brokerage and expect couches, a secretary to greet clients and interns running around making copies. Many full service brokers know their clients by name. Though for their services, full service brokerages charge hefty sums in the form of commissions or set fees.

Commissions are charged depending on services rendered. If a client calls his or her full service broker, requesting that he or she buy a specific amount of a certain security, commission will be relatively low. However, if a broker calls a client with a recommendation that results in profits, the broker will likely charge a higher commission. On the other hand, some brokers assess periodic fees on their clients. Retirement and estate planning is usually paid for periodically, rather than by individual recommendations.

Large universities fall more in line with discount brokers. Commissions and fees at discount brokerages are significantly less, as are the number of services available. A typical discount broker client is well-educated on financial issues and doesn't require much advice. However, some discount brokerages do supply research reports and financial planning advice for an extra fee. Discount brokers probably do not personally know their clients, as the only contact between the two parties is directions on what to buy and sell.

Online brokerage, much like online Universities are a recent advent. Online brokerage, a service offered primarily by discount houses, allows clients to simply give commands to traders working for the firm. Clients decide when and what they want to buy with no advice from the firm. With the touch of a button, an online brokerage client sends his request to a registered representative who quickly executes the tradê for a relatively small fee. Since online brokerages provide no advice, their profits are dictated simply by the volume of client requests. If clients want to buy or sell, the brokerage charges a commission, usually dependent on the amount of securities being moved.

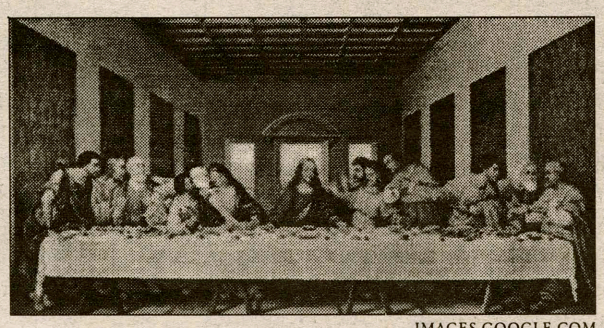
Arts & Entertainment

Not so fast, Dan Brown!

Katey Healy-Wurzburg '05 subjects *The DaVinci Code* author to same standards as Hamilton students

Hey all! So yeah I haven't been around the Spectator scene for a few er, years, but well its only 'cause... the editors smell bad. So yeah I'm back, biznatches, and there's nothing you can do about it!

These professors have gone totally whack yo, and all I have had time to read lately have been books like Effuse Biography of Some Dude Nobody Cares About and The Social Psychology of Blah Blah Blah. Instead, I am reaching waaaaay back in my clearly prodigious memory and pull out a book to review for all my adoring fans... or something.



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Is there a secret code hidden somewhere in this painting? Looks to me like Jesus is just hogging the gravy.

That book is... *The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown. You know, that giant red hardcover with shiny silver letters and Mona Lisa's eyes on the cover. If you were breathing this summer, you probably read it. If you didn't read it, someone probably dropped it on your foot or hit you in the back of the head with it in their purse, cause everyone else read it, dum-dum. Well, I didn't read it, but I listened to it on tape. Well, not on tape really.. it was an audio file on my trendy iPod, 'cause magnetic media sources are SO last decade. However, being told the story didn't make it any better. Actually, the guy reading it had the worst fake French accent I have ever heard, including the one in *History of the World: Part 1.*

Whoa, tangent. Let's get back into the book, since that's what we are here for... or something. Since I am a senior, and this is my article, I will subject Mr. Dan Brown to the same rigorous process I myself have experienced over my four years here. GRADES!

Okay Mr. Brown, where to begin, where TO begin. Alright, Number 1. Learn how to write. I know you are famous and everything now, but hire an editor who will be honest with you. J.K. Rowling showed us that even a well-written book can INDEED sell well in the U.S. You went to Amherst College. That's a lot like Hamilton. Didn't they make you go to the Writing Center? Maybe you could come even here and use ours. Just get a copy of your manuscript 24 hours before your appointment; they can get snippy if you show up with 50 pages for an hour long appointment. Go figure. Yeah, but seriously get a freaking editor. They can teach you about things like subtlety, plot, character development, dialogue and the avoidance of rampant clichés.

Number 2. Develop the good characters you have. Well, one good character. Sort of. Robert Langdon. Work with him. He can work, he has the potential to not stay one dimensional. Number 3. Break with your formula! I know, it hurts, but try it. 'Cause trust me, once the reader figures it out, your books (all of them, and I don't recommend any but *The DaVinci Code*) get reaaaaal boring. Interesting topics. But very, very boring.

Okay, positives. Don't want to give anything away here, be forewarned: Dan Brown, you are writing about some of the coolest, most interesting mystery/adventure fiction today. You get deep into the notion that Christianity has not always been the patriarchal religion it is today, and that many throughout history have questioned the Catholic Church very subversive and pretty cool ways. It is very easy to get really excited by your work, and it makes the disappointment in the fact that you are still a bad writer even worse. Please... make the next book better and invite me to eat my words!

Okay: If my papers have comparative flaws in important categories like lack of sophistication in plot development and extremely one-dimensional characters, my professors give me grades that look like this: C-. So, despite the fact that I think you are writing some of the most interesting stuff in today's popular fiction, and are doing it in a genre I love, I give you a C-, Dan Brown. Please keep writing, but step it up, man. Us small liberal-arts college graduates from the Northeast, we gots to stick together. Oh wait, I haven't graduated yet. Oh well, I guess you win. Go count your piles of money.

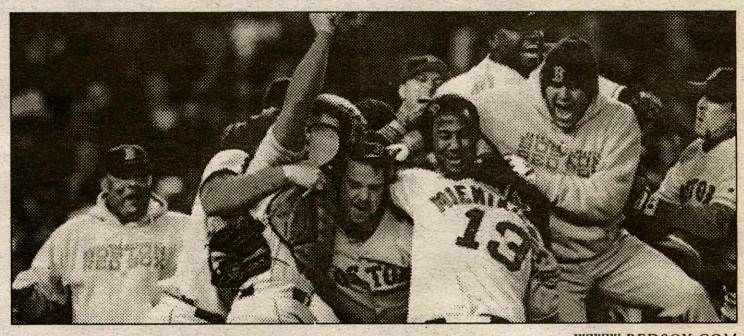
Final Grade: A+ (modified by a bribe at the last minute... Mmmm, piles of money, mmmm!)

But can we consider baseball Girl TV?

Some thoughts on last week's article on Girl TV

by Caroline Abbey '06
A&E WRITER

My good friend Megan Semerod wrote an article last week explaining the phenomenon of "girl tv." While I'll admit I watch "girl tv" with Megan frequently, I wonder if we could also consider baseball "girl tv." What are the qualities in "girl tv" that make us love it so much? That's easy. It's drama, cute boys, a little crying, the ability to commiserate with or congratulate our favorite characters and more. My argument is simply that the Red Sox vs. Yankees games include so many of these wonderful aspects that make up "girl tv."



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Now that the Red Sox are in the World Series, the Yankees will have plenty of time to watch *The Real World.* Hey, there's always next year.

At the beginning of this little Red Sox vs. Yankees battle six games ago, I didn't like baseball. In fact, I hated baseball. I watched "girl tv" with Megan the night of game one. I slowly realized, however, that I only hated baseball because I'd never given it a chance. I became an adopted Red Sox fan since the majority of my friends root for them. I then got sucked in by this whole "curse" idea and began to get excited for games. I even skipped *The Real World* to watch game six!

After contemplating my new excitement over baseball, I realized that it is not so different from "girl tv." There's drama, especially when the Red Sox play against the Yankees. I mean, in game six there were policemen on the field in riot gear! There are plenty of cute boys on both teams so if nothing else they're fun to look at. Of course, all good "girl tv" comes with a little crying and the Red Sox were crying at the end of game seven which made me get a little teary and I only became a fan six games ago! Clearly, we can commiserate or congratulate our favorite "characters." My die-hard friends scream at the tv throughout every game. They yell encouragement to the Red Sox and taunt the Yankee players, similar to the way I yell at characters in Lifetime movies when they make stupid choices.

I don't know how this theory applies to baseball as a whole since I only started watching six games ago. I suspect it works best when the Yankees and Red Sox play each other since that creates so much drama between the fans. Now, I wouldn't go so far as to say baseball is "girl tv" in the sense that a Lifetime movie is "girl tv," but I think this series had just enough drama to keep us "girly girls" interested.

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Classic Badass: *From Hell*

By Tim Mudie '05
A&E EDITOR

The movie is called *From Hell*. That right there should tell you everything that you need to know. However, that would also make for a really short article, so I guess I'll go on. *From Hell* tells the delightful and uplifting story of Jack the Ripper, who terrorized Victorian London with his brutal slayings of five prostitutes in 1888. Yes, this is a film for the entire family. Bring the kids! Hell, bring Grandma! They'll love it! Assuming, of course, that they love all that is badass.

The film stars Johnny Depp, who decided to add to his cast of weird-ass characters by playing an opium-addicted, psychic-vision-having Scotland Yard detective. So, your basic hero. Well, aside from the visions and the opium. He is summoned out of an opium haze when the first woman is found murdered, various organs removed in a ritualistic fashion. So he investigates with her friends, a bunch of down-and-out prostitutes, one of whom is Heather Graham, the hottest prostitute in the history of the world. Depp sees that she will inevitably be killed by the Ripper and he must save her. Of course, he falls in love with her. Then again, who wouldn't fall in love with Heather Graham? Even if the whole prostitute thing might throw you off, she seems to somehow be a prostitute while never actually having sex. So basically you can think of this movie like *Pretty Woman* with Jack the Ripper and opium. Yeah, it's sweet.

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This scene may not look badass, but you don't know what's under Johnny Depp's hat, do you????

What makes this flick so incredibly badass is, pretty obviously, Jack the Ripper. No car chases, only one minor explosion and not a single dinosaur randomly eating people. Yet, somehow, Jack the Ripper makes it badass. The movie is very stylish and the violence, while undeniably creepy, is well done. You don't see everything, which invites the audience to imagine it for themselves. Besides, car chases would be really tough to do in a movie where there are no cars. They still should have had a dinosaur though. You just can't go wrong with dinosaurs.

One exceptionally badass aspect of *From Hell* is the scenery. Everything is dark. Fog abounds. Judging from this movie London is perpetually dirtier than the floor of a Bundy Party. Don't get me wrong; I know that no matter how badass the scenery may be it's still scenery and therefore inherently un-badass. I guess that it's just very cool, if not exactly badass. But this is a serious badass sort of movie anyway. There are a whole bunch of conspiracy theories dealing with Free Masons, the English Royalty and psychiatric doctors. Weird stuff. And, while the real Jack the Ripper probably wasn't the guy it ends up being in the movie, it makes perfect sense the way they play it.

This movie will creep you out. I guarantee that right now. Watch it alone, in the dark. Trust me, it will be a good, spooky, badass time. This has been **Badass Movie Reviews**. Next week: *How Stella Got Her Groove Back.*

Film Fraseology

by Andrew Whalen '08 and the Film Production Guild
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As budding film connoisseurs, one must be prepared to whip out obscure terminology in any variety of situations. Knowing obscure tidbits of Russian formalism or French New-Wave is guaranteed to win bar bets and dinner party conversational parries, if not the adulation of the ladies. So this week we look to the lessonsof the former Soviet Union. Russian filmmakers were among the first to treat film as an art form with its own stylistic elements. Kuleshov is notable for being one of the early filmmakers to fully realize the importance of the shot as the "sentence" of narrative cinematic structure. He performed early experiments into the way shot juxtaposition can evoke emotion and various ideas. From his work comes the Film Frase of the day:

Kuleshov Effect

Pretentious Movie Snob Sample Sentence: Notice the subtle use of the Kuleshov Effect in Guido's reactions to the turmoil surrounding him in *8 1/2*.

When Kuleshov juxtaposed shots of an actor with a neutral face and various random images, the target audience would interpret various emotions in the actors face. Despite the fact that the face remained the same, viewers cited the depth of sadness in his face when juxtaposed with the image of a coffin, or the subtle joy seen in his cheek structure when placed next to the image of a flower. The experiment demonstrated the incredible relationship between juxtaposed shots, and proved the importance of the shot in modern cinema. The lessons of Kuleshov's experiments were demonstrated to the Film Production Guild by Professor O'Neill (warning: blatant plug), another excellent reason to check out the **Film Production Guild** every Wednesday at 8 pm in ELS.

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Science & Technology

Candy that rocks

by Daniel Seeger '06
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WRITER

John Gilchrist, an advertising-account manager for a New York radio station, is a man who only lives in reality. By legend, he has been dead for years.

Mr. Gilchrist grew up as "Little Mikey," the juvenile centerpiece of a well-known advertising campaign for Life cereal. At some point, Little Mikey became the focal point of a rumor that eating Pop Rocks and drinking soda at the same time is deadly. He became "the friend of a friend", the character who so often appears in these types of urban legends. The gossip created such a buzz that in the early 1980's General Foods, the producer of Pop Rocks, sent out 50,000 letters to school principles pleading that the product was harmless. The Food and Drug Administration even set up a specific telephone hotline to field specific concerns about Pop Rocks.

The inventor of the controversial candy, William A. Mitchell, worked as a food chemist for General Foods and among his 70 plus patents are advancements associated with Cool Whip, Jell-O, and Tang. He accidentally invented Pop Rocks in 1956 when he put sugar flavoring mixed with carbon dioxide in his mouth and was delighted by the mild exploding sensation that ensued. The candy was not commercialized, however, until 1975 and quickly became an instant classic among cavity-bound children (Hanson 2004).

The candy is made from sugar, corn syrup, water, and flavoring. These are essential ingredients to many other typical sugar candies (jolly ranchers or lollypops). The ingredients are heated to 100°C to boil off all of the water. They are then heated up to 300°C until a pure sugar syrup is formed. As this syrup is cooled, it will harden into candy.

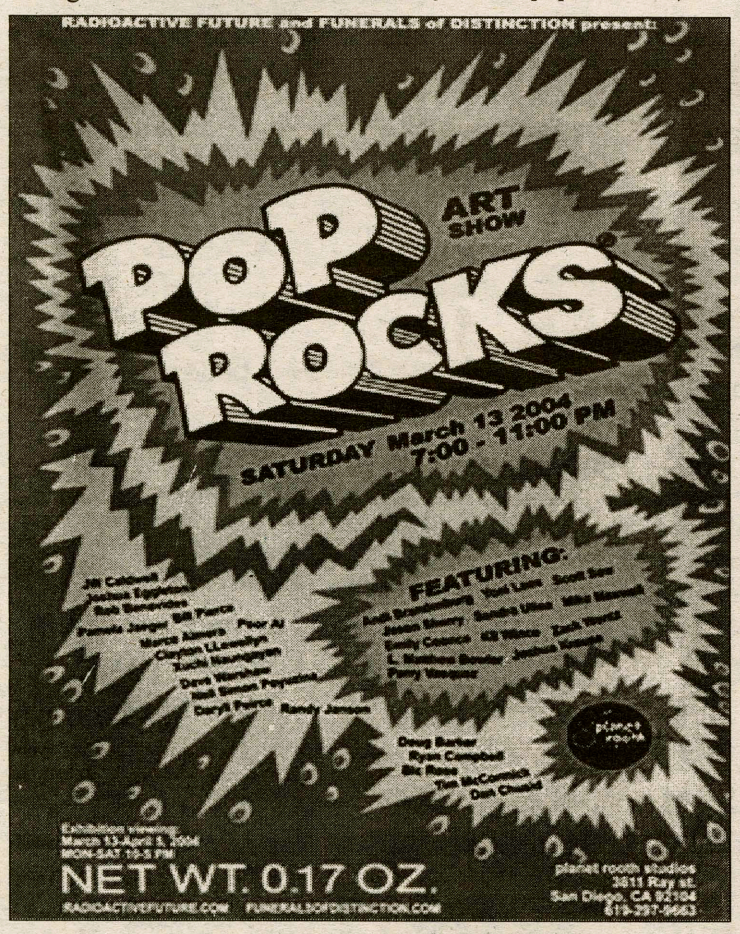
The specific procedure for Pop Rocks deviates from typical candy formation by the way it is cooled. As the pure sugar syrup is cooled, it is put under 600 psi of carbon dioxide gas. Due to the intense pressure while the candy solidifies, pockets of carbon dioxide are incorporated into the solid structure of the candy.

Each internal pocket of carbon dioxide has a pressure of 600 psi. When you put the candy in your mouth, saliva will melt the candy and release the gas from the small bubbles. Thus, the poping is merely the liberation of pressurized gas found in the candy.

As any courageous experimenter will tell you, it is not possible to die from eating Pop Rocks and drinking soda. The bogus scientific theory behind to this urban legend is that the combined release of carbon dioxide from both the soda and the Pop Rocks will cause your stomach to explode. In reality, a bag of Pop Rocks contains about the same amount of carbon dioxide as half a can of Coke.

The collective effect of the two delights is nothing more serous than a healthy burp and a mild sugar high. Therefore, despite the fatal rumors that surround the candy, the gaseous tingle is one that should be tried by all.

(http://www.snopes.com/horrors/freakish/poprocks.htm)



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Pop Rocks : A chemical explosion in your mouth.

Human Genome Project

by Katrina Lexa '05
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

The international consortium of laboratories, which decoded the human genome, issued an article in *Nature* today that reported a sizeable decrease in the numbers of human genes believed to be contained in the human genome. Researchers have already sequenced approximately 20,000 human genes and believe another 5,000 more will be uncovered in the future. This figure is significantly less than the original 100,000 genes originally thought to make up the human gene pool. As recently as five years ago, the number 100,000 was commonly cited as the total of human genes, but in February 2001, the international consortium published their first draft of the human genome totaling 30,000 unique genes. Today, that number was dropped again, to a total of 25,000.

For some, this figure is disturbingly close to the number of genes in a species of fish. A group of French researchers published an article in the same issue of *Nature* reporting that the decoded genome sequence of the spotted green puffer fish - a biologically important fish - also contains 20,000-25,000 genes. How can it be that we as humans, the most advanced biological organism on Earth, have the same number of genes as a fish?

This inquiry becomes even more noteworthy when one considers that genes without function are quickly eliminated from the gene pool, rendered useless through mutations within the DNA. Dr. Hughes Roest Crollius, one of the French researchers, explained that around 450 million years ago, when the ancestors of people and puffer fish branched off into separate evolutionary paths, the puffer fish as well as most other fish doubled their genome in a freak cellular accident. Among the doubled genes, some became useless, but many others adopted new functions, giving the fish an evolutionary upper hand. Human beings, sadly, never had their genome double at any time in the past billion years.

"Clearly, the complexity of the nervous system must derive from some other feature than the gene count," said Dr. Francis S. Collins, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute.

Dr. Crollius believes that humans may have overcome the limitations imposed by their gene pool through alternative splicing. The alternative splicing mechanism allows for the selection of different combinations of amino acids by the same gene, which produces many different proteins with unique functions.

Yet another possibility for human advancement is our advanced regulatory mechanisms within the body. Regulatory genes control activity of all other genes, and it is believed that humans' regulatory genes are more complex, allowing for the construction of something as sophisticated as our brain.

Only 341 gaps remain in the human genome sequence model, as opposed to the 147,821 gaps reported when the international consortium published their initial progress three years ago. While the consortium continues to research how to sequence the remaining 341 gaps, today's report is said to be the final report, the result of $650 million spent by the consortium so far sequencing the human genome.

The international consortium includes principal laboratories in Britain and America, while additional support comes through Japan, Germany, France and China.

Truth is weirder than fiction

complied by Katrina Lexa '05
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Every second around 100 lightning bolts strike the Earth.

Every year lightning kills 1000 people.

In October 1999 an Iceberg the size of London broke free from the Antarctic ice shelf .

If you could drive your car straight up you would arrive in space in just over an hour.

Human tapeworms can grow up to 22.9m.

A scientific report form the University of California found that the steam rising from a cup of coffee contains the same amounts of antioxidants as three oranges. The antioxidants are heterocyclic compounds which prevents cancer and heart disease. It's good for you!

Advertisements for coffee in London in 1657 claimed that the beverage was a cure for scurvy, gout and other ills.

After the decaffeinating process, processing companies no longer throw the caffeine away; they sell it to pharmaceutical companies.

The fastest speed a falling rain drop can hit you is 18mph.

A cockroach can live for up to a week without a head.

A typical bed usually houses over 6 billion dust mites.

Amazon ants (red ants found in the western U.S.) steal the larvae of other ants to keep as slaves. The slave ants build homes for and feed the Amazon ants, who cannot do anything but fight. They depend completely on their slaves for survival.

You're more likely to be a target for mosquitoes if you consume bananas.

Aphids are born pregnant without the benefit of sex. Aphids can give birth 10 days after being born themselves.

Each year, insects eat 1/3 of the Earth's food crop.

Mosquitoes dislike citronella because it irritates their feet.

Mosquitoes prefer children to adults, and blondes to brunettes.

The honeybee kills more people world-wide than all the poisonous snakes combined.

The largest cockroach on record is one measured at 3.81 inches in length.

There are more insects in one square mile of rural land than there are human beings on the entire earth.

When a flea jumps, the rate of acceleration is 20 times that of the space shuttle during launch.

Astronauts cannot belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.

A pig's orgasm lasts for 30 minutes.

Wounds infested with maggots heal quickly and without spread of gangrene or other infection.

More germs are transferred shaking hands than kissing.

The low frequency call of the humpback whale is the loudest noise made by a living creature.

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Women's soccer kicks it into gear; ranked 9th in country

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS WRITER

The 2004 women's soccer team continues to break new ground for their exciting, high-powered, up-and-coming program. After years of mediocrity, Coach Collette Gilligan has put her team in a remarkable position as they enter the final week of conference play.

The team has climbed up the national ranking charts to an unprecedented number nine national ranking in division three women's soccer. With this past week's 3-1 win against Elmira College and 1-0 win over cross-town rival Utica College, the Continentals are now riding a ten game unbeaten streak as they head into their conference games against St. Lawrence and Clarkson.

In their October 16th showdown at Elmira College, the team made their presence felt scoring three goals as they handed the Soaring Eagles (10-4) their fourth loss of the season. "This was a good game for us. Any time you go on the road, travel 3 hours and win 3-1, you have to be pleased," explained coach Gilligan. Though the team "didn't come to play for the full 90 minutes," they managed to come out on top for the victory.

The team was led by Kristine "Super" Cupertino '06 who scored two goals, marking her second two-goal performance of the season. "It is nice to see Kristine produce," said coach Gilligan. She added, "I'm happy for her that she is finally getting a run at some goals." Coach Gilligan also sees an exciting one-two punch in the combination of Cupertino and fellow sophomore stud Eileen Fisher '07. According to Gilligan, "the two of them have been working well together, they are really combining well with their play out there." With two years left in each of their careers, we can only hope these two continue to build this scoring machine.

The other goal-scorer was freshman Taylor Brady '08, who continues to perform beyond her years. "She was very composed," said Coach Gilligan; "it was an unassisted goal, so she just did was it took to put the ball in the net." Freshmen goalkeepers Katie Plummer '08 and Caitlin McGilley '08 split time in the game, which was, according to Coach Gilligan, "ok for the team defensively." Ali Grant '08, who "has been very consistent" for the Continentals, was once again the standout defensive player of the game. With the win, the team built the necessary momentum to carry it into its contest against Utica College.

Though Utica was a .500 team going into the game, Coach Gilligan was not willing to overlook them. "They are a better than their results have shown," she remarked. "We knew going in that it would be a battle." With this in their minds and hearts, the Continentals fought hard and stifled the Lady Pioneers with their defense, giving up only two shots the entire game. "From a possession standpoint we played well," said Coach Gilligan, who coached the team to their ninth win of the season. With Beth Ollett and Liz Roberts setting the tone once again from center midfield, the defense was "pretty solid," according to Coach Gilligan, though they were "not tested as frequently as they have been."

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05
Mara Dropkin-Frank (10) has scored four goals so far this season for the Continentals.

Unfortunately, Hamilton's dominant ball control did not lead to as many goals as they would have liked. "We pretty much dominated the game, we just had a hard time finishing," said coach Gilligan. She added, "offensively, we are not making smart decisions." Despite their offensive struggles, perennial goal-scorer Mara Dropkin-Frank stepped up her game and put home the game's only goal, moving her into sole possession of second place on Hamilton's all-time goal-scoring list. Coach Gilligan commented, "this is an amazing accomplishment for any player to rank that high in goals. It shows that she has been a consistent contributer to this program and has given us so much." Coach Gilligan continued, "she hasn't started most of the games, but she brings so much energy and intensity coming off the bench. If I could get my players to play as hard as she does every time she goes out it would be a great accomplishment." Dropkin-Frank's composure in the heat of battle was critical to the Continentals victory.

And so, the team will fight to keep their unbeaten season alive as they take on St. Lawrence this Friday in what Coach Gilligan referred to as "one of the biggest games we've had since [she] started coaching here." With back to back games against conference rivals St. Lawrence and Clarkson, the Continentals must rise to the occasion in order to host the conference tournament (which has been one of the team's goals all season). "Right now we are sitting in first place. The past couple of games don't mean as much as these conference games, so our season is pretty much coming down to this weekend," said Coach Gilligan. Both Clarkson and St. Lawrence have a lot at stake as they head into what could be the final week of their seasons, so it is up to Hamilton's newly-formed powerhouse to keep the dream alive just a couple of weeks longer.

Athletes of the Week: Jones and Dropkin-Frank

by Andrew DeCastro '05
SPORTS EDITOR

This week's athlete's of the week are Sarah Jones '05 and Mara Dropkin-Frank '05. These two soccer studs have helped lead Hamilton women's soccer to a number nine national ranking. The Spec caught upwith the lovely ladies and found out exactly what they do before, during, and after the games end.

Name: Mara Dropkin-Frank.
Year:2005.
Major: Women's Studies (save the jokes, I've heard 'em all before).
Nicknames: Puddin', the Cool-Down Nazi.
Marital Status: Single!
Hobbies: Being a hippie, bothering Rob in the training room.
Position: Forward.
Responsibilities of your position: score the damn goals.
Do you have any signiture moves: Fall down whenever possible.
What are your responsibilities as captain: Making sure Plummer understands the meaning of hamil-toe.
What do you see yourself after graduation: Jobless, homeless and friendless.
What are the strengths and weankess of your game: My strength is my killer instinct, my weakness is my dependence on the training room!
If you were an animal what would it be: An animal that kicks Union and William Smith's asses!
How do you survive without a TV in your room: How do you know I don't have a TV in my room?
Pet peeves: TUFF SKIN!! It ruins my day.
What were the expectations going into the season: Winning the conference and going to NCAAS!!! And that somehow, we would get ALL the equipment to the field for practice...
How far do you believe your team can go this season: ALL THE WAY!!!

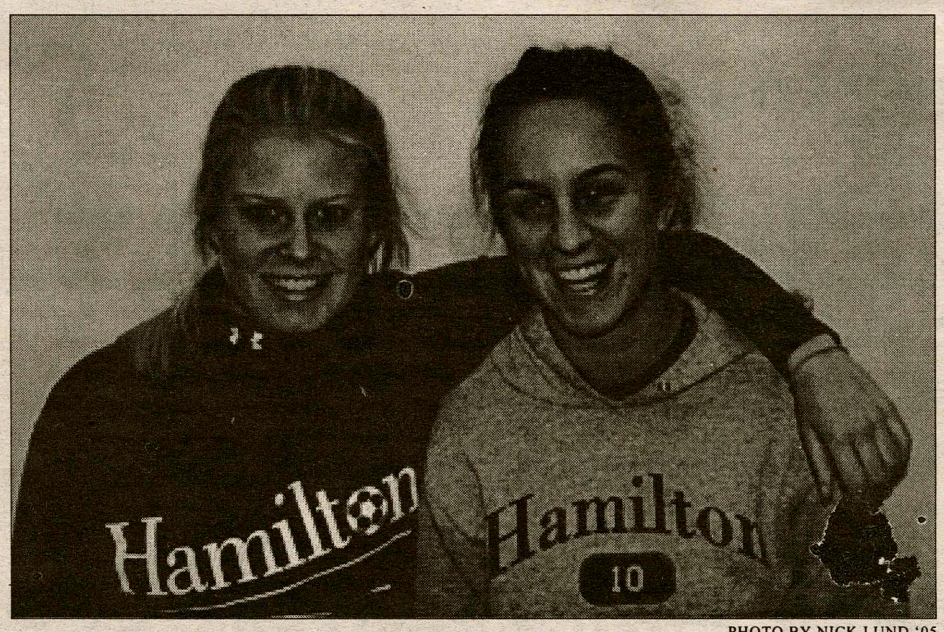


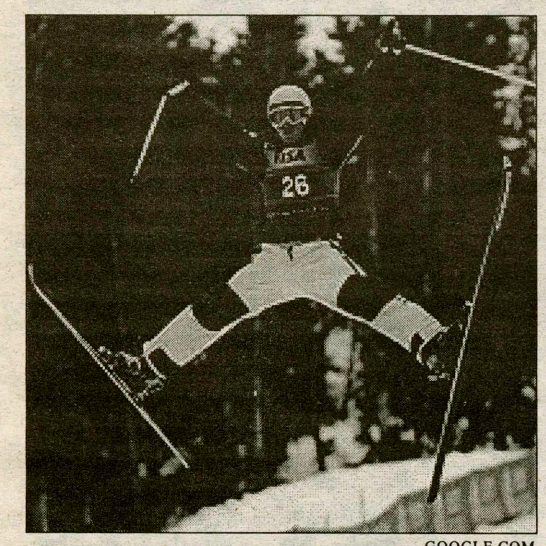
PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05
The soccer stars have high expectations for the team this season.

Name: Sarah Elizabeth Jones.
Year: 2005.
Major: Economics.
Nicknames: Jonesy, Rat, Lob, Esther, Fritter, Girly Power (thanks Coach Reyes), sorry Sarah, Sarah Jizzy.
Marital Status: Divorced, twice...currently dating a professional hockey player (*Ed. note: This wouldn't be Sergei Federov by any chance would it? First Anna now Sarah?*).
Hobbies: Eating, Commons black out, eye affairs, scaring people with my mean resting face, cleaning my room (s'lie).
Position: Center defense.
Responsibilities of your position: Keeping the ball out of our goal and side of the field, organizing the backs, making sure we maintain our shape.
How do you explain the success of the team this year: We're a bunch of individually skilled and athletic girls who play unselfishly and are focused on winning, great team chemistry, Kloidt jokes/sprinkler before each game, Rob, and how could we suck with me as captain.
Why haven't you scored a goal in your career: I'm too lazy to cross over the line into our offensive half and I wouldn't want to make the forwards look bad.
What do you see yourself doing after graduation: Undecided, maybe teaching or coaching, heading back to NYC area.
What are the strengths and weankess of your game:
Strengths: My cheetah-like speed and cunning instincts.
Weaknesses: Sometimes I'm just too damn good.
What is your idea of a perfect date: Just me, a soccer ball and a goal... but if I want to spice it up I add Scott, Oz and the East China Dynasty Buffet.
How will you stay busy once soccer is over: Chugging.
What are your turnoffs: Canadiens and excessive body hair.
Pet peeves: Nalgenes, the ball stretch, abrasive Red Sox fans, especially when they're not even from Boston, unnatural blondes.
How far do you believe your team can go this season: Don't want to jinx it, we know what we can do.

Nice guys finish last, or at least get screwed

by Michael Proia '05
SENIOR EDITOR

This fall has brought to light that which can boggle my mind more than anything else, and it is a simple question: why do sports protect the bad guys? Maybe nice guys really do finish last, because certainly the good guys have gotten the short end of the stick the last few months, and the bad guys have been getting away with DUI's, drug trafficking and more. So to all my readers out there, I ask for some help, because I honestly don't know the answer. Who are we protecting, and why? If you have an answer, fire me off an email or send a response to the Spec Sports Editors. But please respond to what I offer as evidence for the good guys finishing last.



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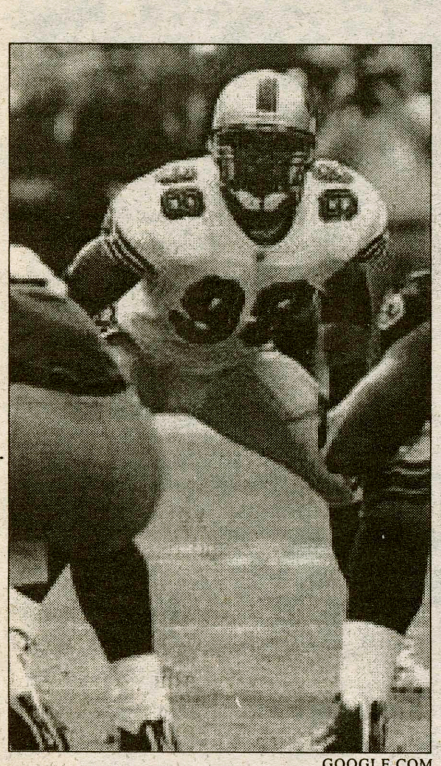
Jeremy Bloom has made a name for himself on the slopes as an Olympian.

Good Guys Example A: Jeremy Bloom. Jeremy Bloom is a young man who wants to make a living skiing for the U.S. Olympic team and in international competitions. He is currently ranked in the top 3 in the world in mogul downhill skiing. Oh yeah, and he is an undergraduate at Colorado University where he plays wide receiver and returns punts for the football team...or at least he did until this fall. As a U.S. Ski Team member, Bloom needs to have the best equipment and coaching to stay on top of his game, and that doesn't come cheap. The cost? Sponsorship, which makes him by NCAA rule ineligible for any sport in college. He wants to be a role model for young kids, and is a tremendous student athlete who represents his country as well as any athlete. The NCAA says that's not enough, he cannot be sponsored in another sport and still play football.

Bad Guys Example A: Willie Williams. During this summer, the top incoming freshman linebacker in the country pleaded no contest to a pair of felony counts in his hometown Gainesville, FL. And yet, he has been cleared to play by Miami and the NCAA, though an injury has limited his action.

Good Guys Example B: Jake Plummer. Plummer and Pat Tillman were teammates for 10 years in a row, going back to their days as Sun Devils at Arizona State. They even roomed together in college. So when the NFL asked all players to wear decals honoring the fallen soldier, Plummer was only too happy to oblige. Then after one week, the NFL decided that was enough, and ordered all players to remove the decals. What did Plummer do? He refused and was fined $10,000 for his actions. He eventually took the decal off adhering to league rules and the league has rescinded the fine. Nevertheless, there never should have been an issue with him keeping the NFL approved sticker on his helmet.



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Peterson captains the 49ers defense even when on crutches.

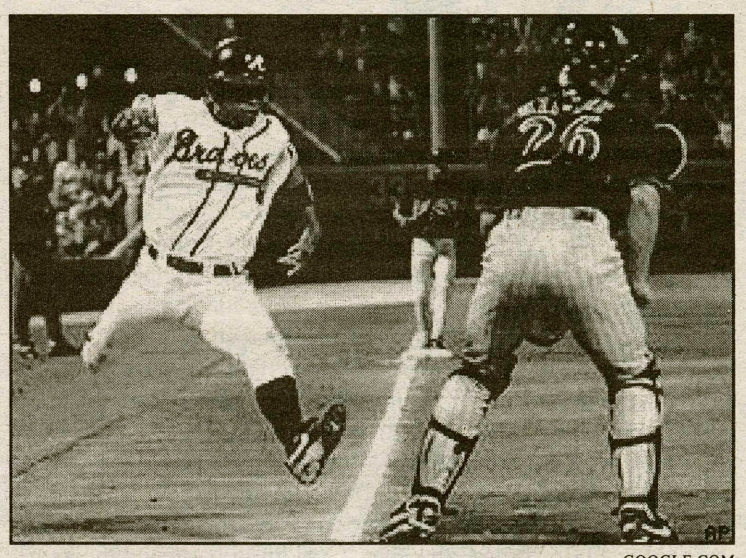
Bad Guys Example B: Rafael Furcal. Recently busted for his second DUI, Furcal is required by law to serve 21 days in jail. That's fine, I have no problems there. At least he will go to jail unlike some guilty athletes. Here's my problem, he was allowed to postpone the sentence till after the MLB postseason. If you ever get busted for two DUI's, try telling the judge you'd like to work a few more months first, then serve the sentence. Then, do really well at work for those 2 months, so your boss gives you a big bonus when you come back. Think that will work? I don't either, yet Furcal managed to set this up, and after a great series against the Astros, he'll cash in as soon as he gets out of jail.

Good Guys Example C: The 26 young men who run cross country in Virginia Beach, VA. The county has a rule about runners not being allowed to wear jewelry during races, although watches are allowed to check your time as you run. These 26 runners were wearing something else: Lance Armstrong yellow wrist rubber bands. They were all disqualified following the race, for breaking county rules. Is this a joke? Who runs this league? Why are these kids being penalized for being good human beings? Again, I just do not have answers, so feel free to help me out.

Bad Guys Example C: Jamal Lewis. Let me get this straight. Lewis gets picked up for drug trafficking (this happened before he was in the NFL), plea bargains out of it, but will still serve limited jail time, and the NFL suspends him two games? Consider this is the equivalent of 20 games in baseball, and it's still not enough. This guy is the reigning rushing leader in the NFL, so the NFL protects him, keeps him on the field. If it had gone to trail and he had been convicted, it would count as his third positive drug test, a mandatory three game suspension. He plea-bargains out of the charges, and gets jail time and NFL suspensions reduced, so what has he learned from this? The better you are at running with a football, the more you can get away with (right O.J.?).

Keep in mind this is not an exhaustive list. There are too many examples of bad guys getting away with too much to list here, but I offer one last example of a good guy getting hurt by the system. Julian Peterson is an All-Pro linebacker in San Francisco. Peterson turned down big money in the off season because he was worried about his salary cap number crippling his team. Two weeks ago, Peterson was injured during a game and could not return to the field, so he went to the locker room, showered, and put on a nice suit. He returned to the sidelines on crutches to support his teammates. When the game went to overtime, Peterson, always a team captain, limped out to midfield for the coin toss before the extra period. When he got there, the referees informed him he would have to leave the field, as he was not in uniform. The ultimate team player was denied the opportunity to perform his duties as captain, because he chose to return to the field well-dressed. So I ask again, who is the league protecting?

After looking at all this evidence I have come to one conclusion: the NFL, MLB, NCAA and court system are so worried about sticking to the rules, they haven't bothered to examine whether the rules make sense. Plummer honors a fallen soldier and new NFL legend, a man that will have stories told about him for decades, and he is fined. Bloom aspires to be an Olympian, and is banned from NCAA play in a different sport. 26 kids tried to think about cancer patients and give up a little money to support the cause, and were disqualified. But since the rules have been written, there can be no room to make exceptions. After all, they cannot allow people to take the first step on a slippery slope, it's just too dangerous. Well, explain that danger to those who love Pat Tillman. Explain it to the young skiers and football players in Colorado who want to grow up and represent their country. Explain it to everyone who has lost a loved one to cancer, because I sure can't explain it to myself or anyone else.



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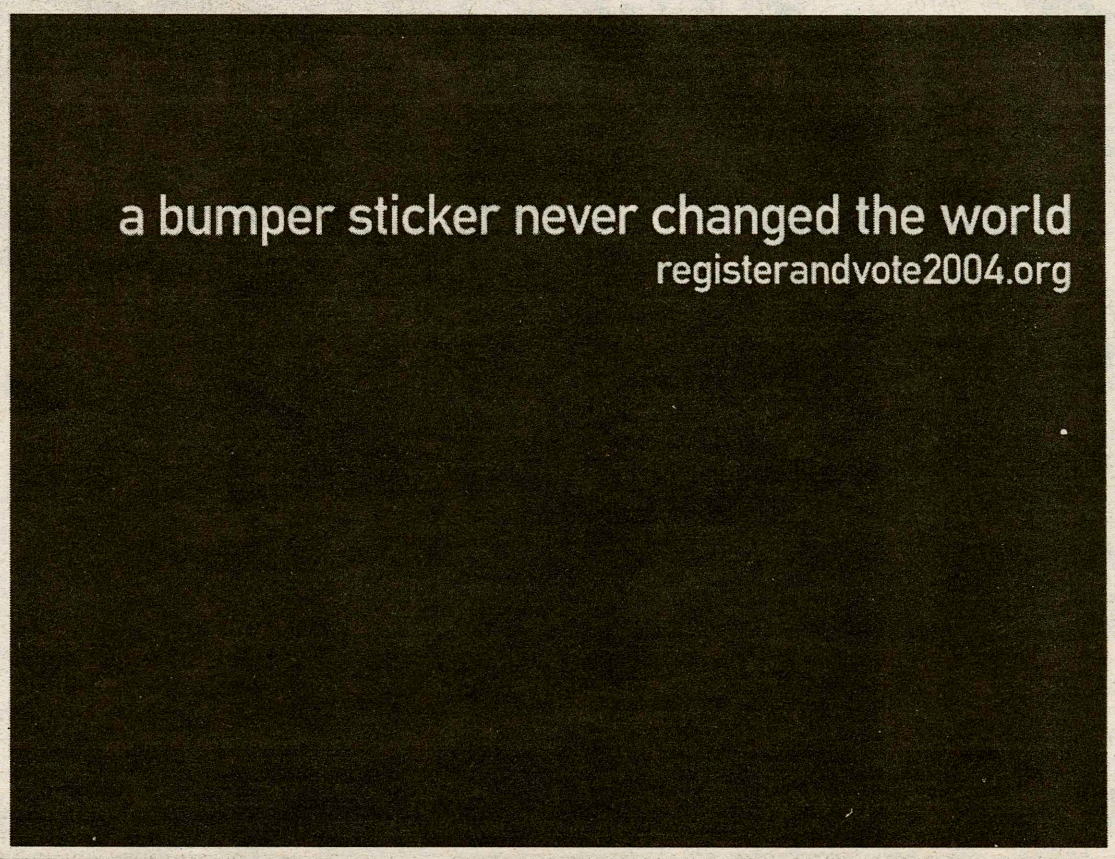
Apparently being good at baseball means you can wait as long as you want to go to jail for a second DUI, as is the case for Rafael Furcal.



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Football rallies to win in overtime

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"To overcome that deficit, is a phenomenal feeling that words cannot describe. It was the most exciting game I have ever been associated with in my fifteen years of coaching."

Those were the words from head coach Pete Alvanos after the Hamilton College football team defeated Bowdoin College 51-48 in double overtime. Leading the way was the one-man wrecking crew of Brandon Holtslag '06. Holtslag ran for an astounding career-high 230 yards on 29 carries, tied a school record with four rushing touchdowns and threw for a career-best 279 yards and another score. To make it even more impressive, Holtslag scored all his touchdowns in the second half and overtime. His efforts earned him the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Northeast Region's Offensive Player of the Week.

"I have to give all the credit to the O-line. They opened up huge holes and it was relatively easy running through them. Things were just clicking for us on offense. When it came down to the end of the game, I wanted the ball," said Holtslag.

Alvanos echoed Holtslag's comments on the performance by the offensive line.

"Brandon is a great athlete, and he played tremendous, but a lot of credit goes to our offensive line. They were getting a great push off the ball and continually backed up the defensive lineman making it much easier for Brandon to run."

Hamilton opened the game in a different setup, hoping to confuse the Bowdoin defense. Ordinarily in a shotgun offense with four wide receivers, Hamilton opened up with Holtslag under center, with a double-tight end formation. The coaching staff felt using the tight ends in the flat on passes, and having an extra blocker, could prove advantageous for the offense. Although sluggish at first, the different offensive formations proved effective once the second half rolled around. The new formations also allowed Holtslag to spread the ball around, completing passes to ten different receivers. Joe Rinaldo '08 had the only receiving touchdown. Claudius Zorokong '08 also chipped in with two rushing touchdowns. As usual, Rob "the Basher" Kuchar '05 anchored the special teams unit.

The defense, however, did not enjoy as much success as the offense. Even with the return of linebacker Mike Murphy '05, Hamilton still struggled to keep Bowdoin from pounding the ball on the ground. Bowdoin's top running back amassed 230 yards on the ground with three touchdowns. Through the air the Hamilton defense had much more success, holding the Bowdoin quarterback to under 100 yards passing.

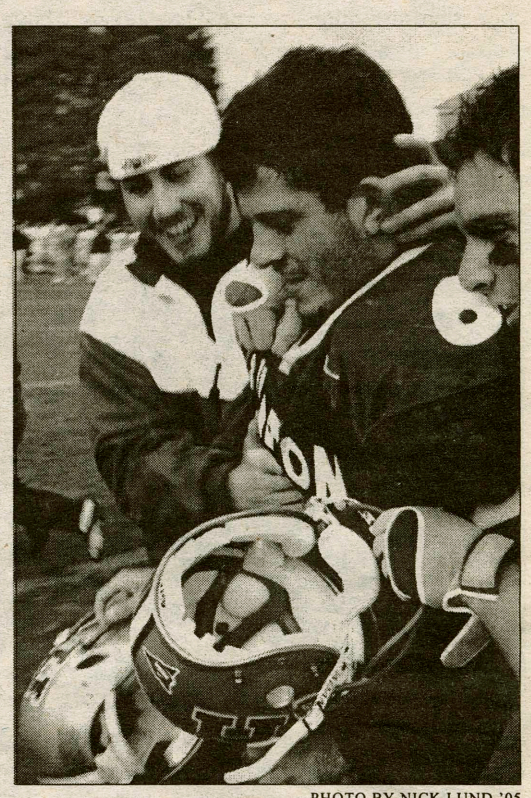
"Defensively we struggle mainly because of a lack of emotion. When we want to make a stop and get excited it usually results in a three and out but that emotion hasn't been there. Our defense has been frustrating for both the players and the coaches," said Steve Finazzo '05.

Alvanos, meanwhile, acknowledging his concerns on the defensive side of the ball, does not believe that blame can be placed solely on the defense.

"In all fairness at times our special teams and offense do not help our defense out. Against Bowdoin we threw a pick early, giving them great field position. And on special teams, they [Bowdoin] ran a kickoff back for six. Yes, those points are credited to the defense, but they couldn't do anything about it. We need to control the ball better offensively and play fundamentally sound special teams so there isn't as much pressure on the defense."

Regardless, at the end of the day, the only thing that matters is the scoreboard. It took a total team effort to come back in the fashion that the Continentals did. Say what you want about the Hamilton defense, but in crunch time, they stepped up and made the plays against Bowdoin to give the offense a chance to get points on the board. Hamilton could have easily packed up after the first half and given up. Yet they believed in each other and got the job done. Ironically, Hamilton did to Bowdoin what Wesleyan did to the Continentals a few short weeks ago. Wesleyan, at home, came back and stunned the Continentals. Hamilton, on Steuben Field, fighting to get out of the cellar and get a victory, scratched, clawed, and bled for that victory that they deserved so much.

As exciting as the win against Bowdoin was, Hamilton must now make an eight-hour bus ride to face the Mules of Colby College. Colby, currently in the middle of the NESCAC standings, embarrassed Wesleyan. In that game Colby's defense had six interceptions, and again this Saturday they will rely on their defense to create opportunities for their mediocre offense. Alvanos's main concern in particular is Colby's defensive ends, which are arguably the best in the NESCAC this year. The ends of Colby bring great pressure and cause quarterbacks to make mistakes. Holtslag will again have to be at the top of his game for the Conts to be successful.



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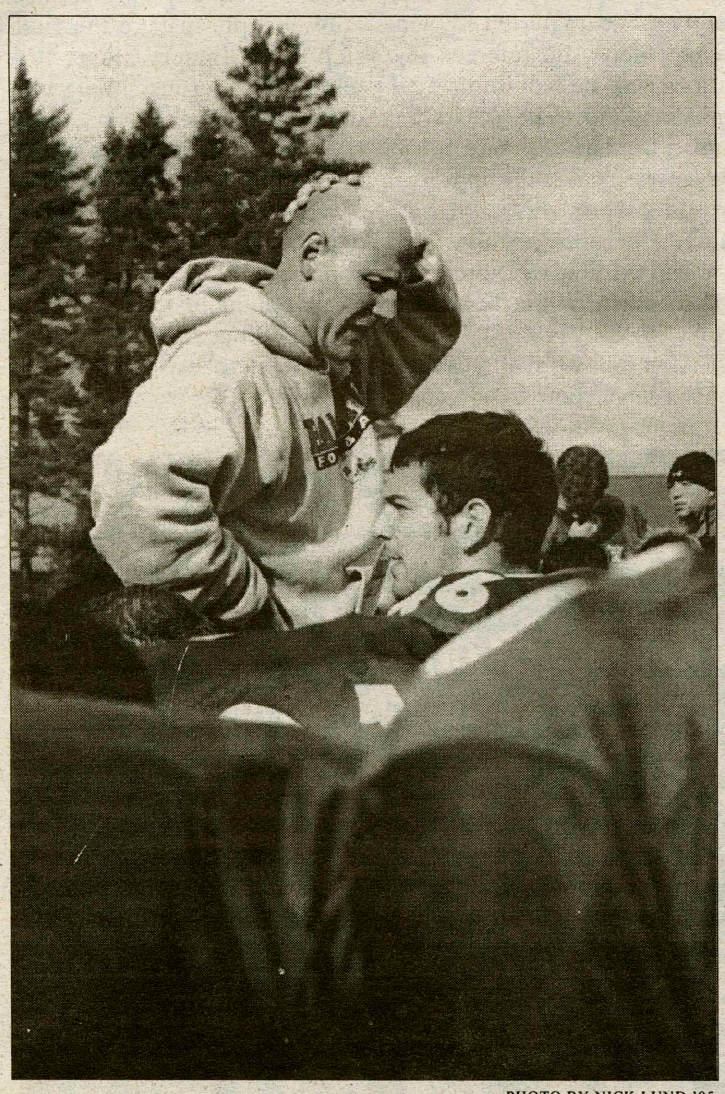
Brandon Holtslag (6) was the man of the day last Saturday for the Continentals.

As far as specifics are concerned, Alvanos plans to use similar formations against Colby as those they used against Bowdoin. Using extra tight ends can hopefully give Holtslag more time in passing situations.

Defensively, Hamilton will continue to be aggressive and tweak formations for the upcoming game. Thanks to practices this week with live tackling and extra attention to tackling drills, the Hamilton defense will hopefully limit the number of missed tackles to less than what they had against Bowdoin.

Overall, Hamilton matches up well. It will be the battle of a great offense against a great defense. If Holtslag remains consistent and special teams plays fundamentally sound, the Conts will come back to the Hill one game away from being back to a .500 ball club.



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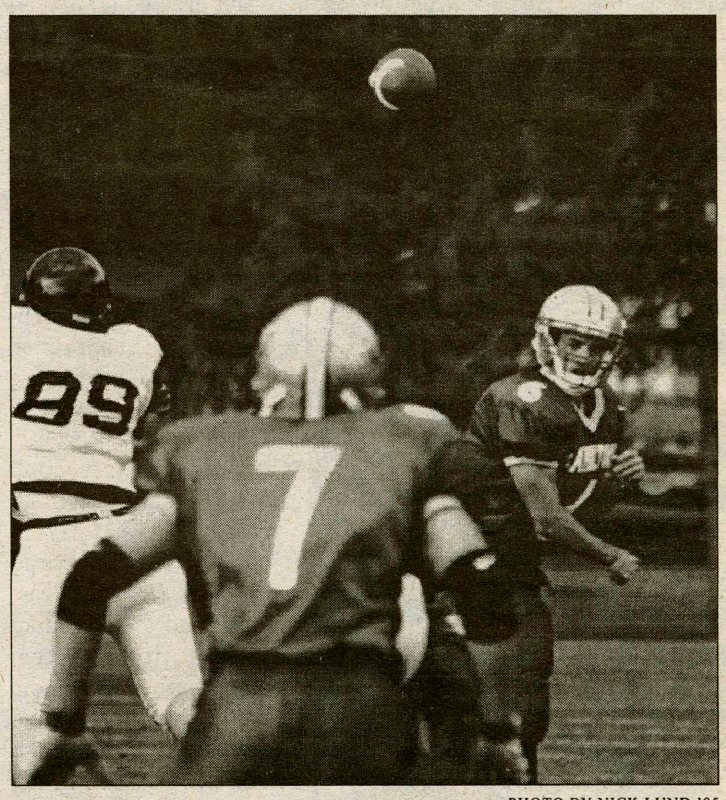
Coach Pete Alvanos is speechless after his team overcame a 38-17 third-quarter deficit to beat the Polar Bears of Bowdoin 51-48 in double overtime.



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Quarterback Brandon Holtslag hooks up with Craig Cammarata (7). Holtslag went on to throw for 279 yards on the day versus Bowdoin.